

MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS
PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR THE 2021 WOLF SEASON
COMMENTS PROCESSED AS OF JULY 16, 2021

1. From: Kevin Hughes <kh33a@btinternet.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 8, 2021 2:26 AM
To: FWP General <fwpgen@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Wolves

Regarding the new wolf "harvesting" regulations.

I think it's an absolute disgrace, every part of the proposal. Wolves should be left alone in THEIR habitat and it should be the farmers who are moved on. At what point will man stop destroying the natural world in the name of some mythical beast that we created; money. We will very quickly perish when we have taken the last wolf, the last tree, enough is enough.

That fact you are so blase about lynxes and bears also being caught in these disgusting, cruel traps tells me you and your whole organisation are nothing but monsters.

2. From: Arlene Hedlund <arlenehed@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 6:35 PM
To: FWP General <fwpgen@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Wolf hunting

In my many visits to Montana, I look forward to glimpses of your wonderful wildlife. The wolf is an important member to maintain a healthy, natural ecosystem. Please vote AGAINST new hunting regulations so I can look forward to more visits to your state. Sent from my iPad

3. From: Marianne Spitzform <mspitzform@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 3:42 PM
To: FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] comment on proposed wolf regulations

You have before you proposals to implement an increasing degree of cruelty. The alternative is to view all life as sacred and to act accordingly. I implore you to make the ethical choice.

Marianne Spitzform
Missoula, MT 59804
406-543-0373

4. From: Silvia Wolff <swolff@nvisions.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 11:28 AM
To: FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Wolf hunting and trapping regulation proposal for 2021-2022

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission

Please remember that wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive. Please remember that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I am not a resident of Montana but I will not be visiting your state if the proposed changes to the wolf hunting season are passed. Please vote against the new wolf hunting regulations.

Thanks you

Silvia Wolff
#309 45 Forth street New Westminster B.C.
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5. From: Christina Daniel <crisdaniel707@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 9:09 AM
To: FWP General <fwpgen@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Slaughtering Wolves

Good morning,

Please stop the killing of wolves! Take a look at the difference it made in Yellowstone. When they returned the wolves to their Yellowstone environment, the whole area began to balance back out. Each of God's creatures are here for a reason. We all need to appreciate & respect earth & her amazing animals. Please put on your thinking caps & figure out ways to support nature.

Thank you for your time. May God help you in your earth saving journey.

Christina Daniel

6. From: Hedvig Ehrenheim <hvonehrenheim@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 9:16 AM
To: FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public comment 2021-22 wolf hunting regulations

Dear all,

I am a citizen of Sweden, but have close relatives in Washington state, wherefore I felt that I had a right to speak up against the proposed new wolf-hunting regulations. Living in cold climate zones, my family has debated the issue of wolves as far back as the 19th century. The wolf was at a point extinct in Sweden, and the lack of wolves seriously effected the entire eco system, also to the detriment of humans, which resulted in the wolf being re-instated into Sweden (the government went as far as to import wolves from Russia!).

I urge you, FWP commissioners, to vote against this proposal. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive. Studies have show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I will not be visiting Montana state in the future if these regulations pass! With all hopes of a debate and decision taking into consideration the wellbeing of the entire eco-system,
Hedvig

7. From: Sharon/Steve Lamar <lamar@blackfoot.net <mailto:lamar@blackfoot.net> >
Date: July 6, 2021 at 7:44:26 AM MDT
To: FWPDistrict1@gmail.com <mailto:FWPDistrict1@gmail.com> , FWPDDistrict2@gmail.com <mailto:FWPDDistrict2@gmail.com> , FWPDistrict3@gmail.com <mailto:FWPDistrict3@gmail.com> , fwpdistrict4@gmail.com <mailto:fwpdistrict4@gmail.com> , FWPDistrict5@gmail.com <mailto:FWPDistrict5@gmail.com>
Subject: wolf trapping and snaring

First of all, I am an avid elk and deer hunter and have been for the past 45 years. Our elk numbers have never been better than they are right now. I hear how the wolves have decimated the game populations and in my experience, there was a downswing in the beginning when wolves were first introduced but the numbers of elk have since rebounded nicely as the natural balance has been restored. I am very much against a lot of the recent legislation regarding reducing the wolf numbers. I personally like having the full complement of predators on the landscape - it spices up the hunting experience! And it makes you have

to be a real hunter, not the phony one-sided version where you are less of a hunter and more of a shooter. You have to actually hunt. I am against night hunting, unlimited kills on one license, lengthening the trapping season, and other legislation to reduce the wolf numbers. And by the way, in case nobody has recognized it, the Yellowstone wolves have brought in millions of dollars as people visit from all over the world to get a chance of seeing a wolf. What a change from 40 plus years ago when no wolves were there.

Sincerely,

Steve Lamar

**8. From: Ben Mummert <bmummert@blackfoot.net <mailto:bmummert@blackfoot.net> >
Date: July 5, 2021 at 5:40:16 PM MDT
To: fwpdistrict4@gmail.com <mailto:fwpdistrict4@gmail.com>**

?Lesley , I'm an outfitter and sportsman from trout creek mt. Hunting district 121 used to be one of the best public land hunting ares in the west , no longer , because of the introduction of the wolf , in this area we have a lot of cover , wolves simply can't be hunted with any success , it is important that wolves be managed properly and up to this time there numbers have not been kept in check the fwp numbers say this , and remember the numbers they use are conservative we actually have more wolves than they say , I know I spend a lot of time in mountains , the changes that we would like to happen will not even come close to bringing the wolf population down to 150 here in Montana , I could go on and on , but I won't please put in to use more tools for sportsman and women to help reduce wolf numbers it is important for game populations in Montana , thanks ben mummert

Sent from my iPhone

**9. From: Debra Sue Vanderford <debrasuevanderford@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 8:05 PM
To: FWP General <fwpgen@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Killing Wolves**

Please,

Don't kill wolves. They are part of our ecosystem for a reason. I think it extremely inhumane to kill animals because they may be a nuisance to some people. The bible says we are to be their caretakers, not their executioners. I hope you take this into consideration.

Thank you,
Debra Vanderford

Sent from my iPhone

**10. From: Don Walton <mrwalton@blackfoot.net <mailto:mrwalton@blackfoot.net> >
Date: July 4, 2021 at 11:07:20 PM MDT
To: fwpdistrict4@gmail.com <mailto:fwpdistrict4@gmail.com>
Subject: Yes to snaring wolves**

?Chair Leslie Robinson,

I am for increasing the wolf trapping season and allowing the use of snares. I live in region 1 and can tell you first hand that the wolves in this area are out of control. I am a hunter and trapper. I have lived in this area for 18 years.

Thank you for your time,

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Don Walton
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11. From: Adrian Mckie <mckievictor@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 11:32 PM
To: FWP General <fwpgen@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Wolf massacre

Dear Sir

I am writing to ask you to please stop any proposed massacre of wolves.
If you do this you will put back your state's development 200 years and be a symbol of barbarism and cruelty.
Montana deserves better than this.

Yours faithfully

Adrian McKie

12. From: Issaqueena Sparks <issaqueenabe@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 2:11 AM
To: FWP General <fwpgen@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Wolf protections

Hello. I am writing to say that I am concerned about wolf protections. I feel we do not need to encourage any form of hunting. Wolves are necessary for a healthy ecosystem. Also, the concept of snares is inhumane in many ways, including possible harm to humans. People are not in any danger from wolves. The only time a wolf becomes upset with a human is if the human harms that wolf's pups.

Sincerely,

Issaqueena

13. From: Cadreamer7 <cadreamer7@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 7:57 AM
To: FWP General <fwpgen@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Wolf massacre

Dear Montana Fish and Wildlife,

It makes me sick to my stomach that you are considering changing your laws to hunt even more wolves and in the most brutal ways possible.

I cannot remember how many times I and family have visited your beautiful state and fallen in love with it. However if this law passes I will not return. I will look for another beautiful mountainous state.

Respectfully yours,

Eileen A. Kearns
Round Rock, Tx.

14. From: Lois Karasek <catwomanlsk@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 8:24 AM
To: FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Montana Wolves

I am writing today to ask you to protect wolves, not kill them. What is it with the citizens of states where valuable wildlife lives that they think they can kill everything off "just because?"

Wolves are an essential part of the overall ecosystem. They are not human predators. They help keep nature in balance by culling off the sick and weak of other species. That's what God and Mother Nature had in mind.

Man has no right to kill them because they might take a cow or sheep once in a while. Ranchers should not be compensated for the loss of a few head of livestock. Ranchers should PAY for their own grazing land and secure the safety of their livestock by non-lethal means. Those in the livestock business (a business I personally wish would be banned due to its gross cruelty) should be prepared for the associated risks. And part of those risks is predation. It's the way things work.

Give a man a gun, and he thinks he's Daniel Boone. We don't have to live that way anymore. And people in the northwestern states are among the most guilty of bloodthirsty acts of killing. A "real man" (or woman, for there are some of those who are bloodthirsty as well) does not kill; he shows understanding and compassion for all living things. That includes all of our wonderful native wildlife.

I most strongly urge you to discard any changes to your hunting regulations that would allow a more lenient stance toward wolves. In fact, I recommend that you enact regulations that will protect wolves, not kill them. Myriad studies have been done showing that wolves are not a problem in Montana or any other state. It's people who are the problem.

I and several members of my family used to come to Montana in the winter to enjoy the magnificent scenery and engage in recreational activities. I would not step foot in Montana again, knowing how you choose to "manage" wildlife.

Sincerely,

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15. From: Emeraldas77 <merylpinque@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 7:20 AM
To: FWP Wildlife

Subject: [EXTERNAL] MONTANA / I urge FWP commissioners to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

I urge FWP commissioners to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations.

I remind that wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species.

I won't be visiting Montana in the future if these regulations pass.

Sincerely,

Meryl Pinque

16. From: Lynn Benner lynnbenner@verizon.net
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 7:15 AM
To: FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't kill wolves

Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Remind them that wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I am not a Montana resident, and I won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass.

Lynn Benner

17. From: sydwd@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 7:15 AM
To: FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Disturbing the balance of nature

Please, please do not allow the new regulations with reference to wolves. Wolves are part of nature and are important to the ecosystem and balance of nature. It has been proven that when you disturb the balance, unwanted results occur.

Thank you.

18. From: Lizzy Welch <lizziewelch@btinternet.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 6:00 AM
To: FWP Wildlife
Cc: PETA UK Actions; Lizzy Welch
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Wolf killing regulations

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?Dear FWPWLD@MT.GOV,

I am writing to you to speak out AGAINST the increase in numbers of wolves being allowed to be killed, trapped etc in your state.

First, I would say that using euphemistic terms such as harvesting does nothing to lend legitimacy to the claims of the interested parties. Wolves are not corn or beans that need harvesting, they are living, sentient beings that have every right to live in this world. And, unlike humans, they do nothing to destroy their environment.

The ignorant rich land owners who claim that wolves are impacting the number of elk etc available to hunters to kill, don't know much about wolves. Their concern is only for power and money. Do not play into their hands.

Wolves predominantly live on smaller animals like mice, rabbits, etc. When they take larger animals, they would generally be targeting the weakest of the herd. Let us not forget that wolves and their prey have been existing together successfully for tens of thousands of years in balance with their environment, without the intervention of man, and they have made each other stronger and better adapted to their environments.

There is an ongoing debate about whether wolves deplete ungulate populations in a significant manner, enough to keep humans from getting their hunting share. This belief has resulted in much "wolf control" throughout the decades.

What kills most ungulates is winter itself (winter-kill). Humans also kill more ungulates, and are more likely to deplete populations, than wolves do.

Why are humans more likely to deplete populations than wolves? To answer this question we'll examine a basic ecological principle which distinguishes modern humans from other animals. This principle states that any predator has a prey image, or images, in mind during a hunt, and as a particular prey declines due to continued hunting, the predator switches prey images to hunt a more abundant prey. This period gives prey time to "bounce back."

Wolves are more likely to turn to a more plentiful food source and might even starve before they would deplete ungulate populations to dangerously low levels.

Early humans probably also hunted in this manner. Unfortunately, modern humans continue to target a depleted animal (this includes any animal species), either for sport, for tradition, for economic gain (often the rarer the animal becomes the greater the financial reward), or to feed ever increasing human populations until it becomes threatened, endangered, or extinct
(Taken from Wolf Sanctuary PA)

I thought your remit was to safeguard the wild Montana parks and wildlife, for current and future generations. If you bow to the will of profit motivated people at the expense of the environment and the inhabitants of that environment, then you are remiss in your responsibilities to protect that environment for everybody.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Welch

Sent from my iPad

19. From: Elizabeth Hoag <bhaktigirl@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 4:55 AM
To: FWP Wildlife

Subject: [EXTERNAL] wolf proposals public comments

Dear MtFWP Commission,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments and working on behalf of Montanas wildlife. Montana, the Treasure State has an admirable history of effective state controlled wolf management based on science and collaboration with various stakeholders. Sadly, due to recent non scientific based anti wolf legislation, this has changed.

I am writing to strongly oppose the current wolf proposals for the following reasons:

1. The proposed hunting practices including, but not limited to- killing pregnant mothers, night hunting, snaring, and denning are not ethical. Further they contradict the notion of fair chase. They give hunters a bad name- everywhere. And with dwindling hunter numbers this is something that we can not afford.
2. Cattle depravation is low and compensated for 3:1. Further, the amount of livestock killed is I beleive less that 1%. Most of the deaths are due to weather or natural causes.
3. The elk population is over objective in most areas. Wolves actually help the elk population by culling the sick ones-effectively controlling chronic wasting sickness. Perhaps, access to elk is the issue. When my father was hunting, he was happy to have long hours to stalk. He considered it an honor and a priveledge to "work hard" to bring home food for his family. Now, Montana Ouufitters and Guides want quick kills to make money for out of state hunters.
4. Wolves bring money to Montana- millions of dollars People come from all over the world to see wolves. They will stop coming or even boycott Montana causing economic hardship to local buisnesses and families.
5. Commercialization of killing wolves violates the Wilderness Act.
6. If Mt FWP does not act to manage wolves in an ethical way and continues to pander to special interest groups like livestock producers and Montana Outfitters and Guides by supporting these extreme killing proposals the Dept of the Interior will take control of wolf management.

Thank you and have a good and safe summer.

Best,
Elizabeth

20. From: Marion Pandiscio <mmpmd1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 3:28 AM
To: FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't approve new wolf-hunting proposal

I am opposed to the proposed new wolf-hunting regulations. Please don't approve them.

Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive. Studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species.

I live in Florida and travel all over the country, but I won't be visiting your state if these regulations are approved.

Marion Pandiscio,
Bradenton, FL 34212

21. From: Jolly Jim <jollyjim@flash.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 1:19 AM
To: FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] DO NOT KILL WOLVES

DO NOT KILL WOLVES

- * MANKIND IS KING OF BEASTS, HIS BRUTALITY EXCEEDS THEIRS
- * ANIMALS DO NOT DESTROY THEIR ENVIRONMENT; ONLY MANKIND DOES.
- * If you support or hurt, experiment, drug, torture, keep captive, race, trap, or kill animals in any way for sport, clothing, experiments, & etc., you & your family should be treated the same way.
- * Experiment on yourself, you're closer to a human than an animal.
- * If you regard animals as meaningless, you're a amoral stone age barbarian not fit for
- * Do not hurt animals, we've hurt them enough; save their lives & preserve their natural habitats.
Do it now!!!
- * Harming animals in any way should be punishable by life in solitary confinement in prison without parol with severe hard labor.
- * Do not keep animals in zoos.
- * Do not hurt animals, we've hurt them enough; save their lives & preserve their natural habitats.
Do it now!!!
- * Would you condone yourself to be killed for a trophy, experimented on, being imprisoned, hunted, or for clothing by superior aliens like you condone killing or mistreating our animals? Save the animals & environment ~ DO IT NOW!!!
- * STOP POLLUTING NOW!!! SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL.

JIM, ZOE & BONNIE -
Mankind is king of beasts, his brutality exceeds theirs.

- * ANIMALS DO NOT DESTROY THEIR ENVIRONMENT; ONLY MANKIND DOES.
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Make Foreign Aid, American Aid.

22. From: Kepster <kepster925@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 10:02 PM
To: FWP Wildlife

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Wolf hunt

Please do not allow wolves to be hunted. These animals are an integral part of the ecosystem and, as an apex predator, play a MAJOR role in maintaining the natural ecological balance and health of the environment. This fact has been proven. Watch "How wolves changed a river" documentary, and be forever amazed and moved to protect these incredible and important animals.

Thank you,

Paul Kep

23. From: Rojo y Naranja <rojoynaranja@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 8:05 PM
To: FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Stop the Murdering of the Montana Wolves

To whoever Belongs:

Hello Mr/Ms/Mrs. I'm writnig you today to ask you to don't approve the Wolf hunting & trapping regulations proposal, that proposal Will only make more wolfs to suffer and die unfairly; the wolves are also living beings that deserve a Good live, and besides allowing to more wolves to be hunted only serves to make bigger the hunters' ego, because killing defenseless animals is the only wa to make them to think they are stronger and more important.

Yours Truly

Annonymous
Enviado desde

24. From: Sharon Franco <shar5334@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 7:38 PM
To: FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Wolf hunt

I am writing this email to let you know I am against the new regulations you are proposing for wolf hunting and trapping. This new proposal is unfair and it only benefits the hunters. These animals belong to all people they are part of nature and the ecosystem and what you are doing is wrong. The hunters should not be the only voices heard.

Thank you,
Sharon Franco

25. From: leva Zari?a <ievazarinja@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 7:34 PM
To: FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Reconsider the New Wolf Hunting Measures

Dear Sir or Madam,

While I am not a US citizen, I am an interested party because I have studied wolves all my life as a hobby and I feel I should support their cause thus also supporting the long-term health of your environment and, subsequently, your citizens.

As you may read on the interactive and 'easy-to-understand' Living with Wolves website [livingwithwolves.org] <[https://urldefense.com/v3/___https://www.livingwithwolves.org/about-wolves/why-wolves-matter/___!!GaaboA!4TmgvDCYaEO4BlvqitZ5WMpcHYwWvhfrtYnooR5KuyY3OOLp9H3ep_7AaEyMW6o\\$>](https://urldefense.com/v3/___https://www.livingwithwolves.org/about-wolves/why-wolves-matter/___!!GaaboA!4TmgvDCYaEO4BlvqitZ5WMpcHYwWvhfrtYnooR5KuyY3OOLp9H3ep_7AaEyMW6o$>) (which is founded on scientific research over many years in close proximity to wolf populations), the functions that the wolves provide in our environment are considered environmental services - that means, their role in our surroundings can affect our wellbeing.

Wolves cause relatively few livestock-related conflicts (less than, for example, domesticated dogs) but, meanwhile, they support our ecosystems in ways that no other animal can achieve (including other predators) and that humans cannot achieve, either, through their hunting activities.

The presence of wolves in the environment lead to its increased health and abundance of species while limiting the numbers or overgrazing undulates, beavers and coyotes.

Where wolves live, the water will be cleaner and more accessible to humans while the absence of wolves might lead to eutrophication and watersheds shifting into wetlands.

Where wolves live, there will be a general increase in biodiversity but a diverse ecosystem is also a healthier and more resilient ecosystem which means that the nature will be able to better withstand the effects of rising temperatures, droughts, storms etc.

Lack of biodiversity also leads to increased amount of disease pathogens that can put in danger both human and animal populations.

It has been well-established that the non-biodiverse soil for example, leads to accumulation of the number of pathogen bacteria and viruses that spread more easily and propagate to greater numbers without competition.

Because wolves are such excellent guarantees to the increase of the general biodiversity, they also take care of the health of your human citizens because the populations that they affect ensure 'trapping' the diseases and limiting the number of pathogens before they can reach humans.

Many of the latest health-threats are related to poor biodiversity where the local populations are lacking in their habitat or water supplies etc. and, consequently, they cannot perform their functions properly and more dangerous pathogens arise, especially, in areas with lots of antibiotic residue reaching the waters and soils.

With healthy ecosystems, we would be battling less human and livestock disease. Wolves provide healthy ecosystems.

It can also mean that while the general objective is to increase the undulate populations, this might not come as a consequence because these populations might become sicker and the disease might also spread to the livestock of nearby farmers.

Without wolves, the larger undulates alongside the beavers (who are both wolf controlled target groups) might overgraze on riparian areas causing erosion and water pollution. When the vegetation is gone and the water supply contaminated, the large mammals will also abandon the territories and the nearby communities will be struggling to obtain water for their activities.

That way, the decrease in wolf populations might cause substantial economic losses (including the health expenses on behalf of both humans and their livestock) and a decrease in the levels of livelihood of Montana communities.

Wolves also keep in check the populations of smaller predators such as coyotes and foxes which might lead to a greater threat to poultry farmers, for example.

The hunters who advocate for eliminating wolf numbers as their competitor species do not realize that without wolves, most possibly, they will observe a decrease in their other target species, including those that they compete for directly with the wolves (e.g. deer).

The increased numbers of coyotes and foxes, for example, will affect all of the smaller animals hunted by them.

The loss of biodiversity and the degradation of riparian areas and their vegetation will force the larger undulates to migrate.

With wolves, there are, normally, more deer, elk etc., although it might sound counterintuitive.

Wolves also do not pose a great threat to livestock farmers far and wide. Their migration routes are very fixed and in cooperation of the local biologists, it is perfectly possible to track the routes and avoid any 'collisions' with the farming patterns.

As mentioned before, wolves pose less threat to cattle than what the farmers usually would call 'accidents' although the wolf attacks might be site-specific if a farm has poor fencing and protective mechanisms which can then become consequently improved.

By that I mean that the wolves will not cause trouble for many farmers but they might cause a lot of trouble for a specific farmer whose territories lie within their migratory routes and are not well-protected. As I also wrote before, such situations might be resolved through better protective measures and collaboration between scientists who study wolves and the local farmers and municipalities.

Please, reconsider your decisions taking into account the overall losses that this will bring upon your communities - losses in clean water, increased health risks, lessened biodiversity (leading to more degraded soils that, in their stead, affect the quality of farmlands) and, ultimately, greater perils to the local livestock and poultry industry as well as a huge possibility that the desired deer and elk populations will not increase but actually decrease or suffer substantial ailments.

Consider also that you will have more beaver problems on your hands. Consider also that many of the hunting methods put forth are inhumane and unnecessary. We need wolves because our capability or ensuring balance in natural ecosystems is lesser than theirs. Without them, we lose important ecosystem services that increase our expenses and worries.

Yours faithfully,
Ieva Zariņa

26. From: Donna Chase <donnamchase@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 7:33 PM
To: FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021-2022 WOLF HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS ? PROPOSAL

I am urging FWP commissioners to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I am not a Montana resident, and won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass.

Best regards,

Donna Chase
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27. From: Stephanie Onorato <sonorato02@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 7:31 PM
To: FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Wolf Hunts

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to implore you not to endorse/pass the new wolf hunting regulations. Wolves are a keynote species without whom ecosystems cannot survive. The presence of wolves has a trickle down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species.

I would further add that those who advocate for essentially wiping out the species do it to promote their own gain - NOT to protect the public. I owned land in Montana for years and love the State. But if you eradicate the character of the State - starting with eradicating a species vital to biodiversity- which benefits farmers and ranchers and their pocketbooks- I will never return.

Stephanie Onorato Esq.

28. From: Paws For Life USA <kimberlyadb@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 7:21 PM
To: FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Montana's Wolves May Be Massacred by Hunters

We are respectfully requesting that you do not allow any killing of Montana Wolves. We need the Predators to help maintain health herds of deer and other animals this is nature we must not torture and kill life. Snares, night hunting and setting up bait is not acceptable - if one human gets caught or a child or family pet - this is tragedy think of the animals in this situation - you have got to stop the killing.

Kimberly Brenowitz, Executive Director

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29. From: Marcia Huyette <marciahuyette@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 6:55 PM
To: FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more killing-trapping-night hunting-baited hunting of wolves!

Please consider compassion.

These are sentient beings, just trying to survive. They are doing so better than any human would, given just their skin and nothing else.

The killing is horrific, the methods shockingly cruel, and the devastation of wolf packs is irreparable. Greed and profit are driving these kills. Not any kind of necessity. Stay out of their territory and get cattle herds out as well.

Thank you.

Marcia Huyette
Director of Graphic Design / Digital Media
Duo Duo Project

30. From: maria gritsch <mariafgritsch@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 6:43 PM
To: FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please vote AGAINST new wolf regulations: please ban Snares, Night Hunts, and Bait Stations!

Dear FWP commissioners,
Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations.

Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species.

We have visited Montana several times during the past 10 years and loved it, but we won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

Maria Gritsch TenHouten
Warren D. TenHouten
8854 Lookout Mountain Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90046

31. From: Connie Poten <rattlefarm@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 5:57 PM
To: FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter to Fish and Wildlife Commissioners
July 6, 2021

Dear Montana Fish and Wildlife Commissioners,

Please count the Footloose MT board, staff, members and the 184,000 signers of I-177, the initiative to end trapping on public lands, with legions of more Montanans who strongly oppose the proposed trapping and butchery of wolves. Baiting, snaring, extended trapping seasons, night hunting, and unlimited wolf kills per license—this is senseless brutality and profiteering of a keystone species that was reintroduced to restore ecosystems and revive the health of game and other species.

We ask that you

1. Do all in your power to mitigate these laws that aim to destroy wolves.
2. Create stiff penalties and enforce the law against team trophy wolf trapping, which is illegal commercialization of our wildlife.
3. Require reporting of all animals caught in traps and snares. Otherwise, how can FWP know the impact of snaring and trapping, or set quotas?
4. Require signage where traps and snares are set.
5. Make public safety a priority.
6. Do not allow baiting, snaring or night hunting of wolves.

TEAM TRAPPING

Please reinforce the law that trophy trapping of wolves for clients to shoot is illegal. Regulations require that a wolf must be killed immediately upon being found in a trap. Yet some outfitters are baiting and trapping wolves for \$5,000 each and keeping them trapped until the shooter arrives, disregarding the law of immediate dispatch. This goes against the North American Model for Wildlife Conservation. It is a black eye for lawful members of the Montana Outfitters and Guides Association. The commission should move to stop this practice at once.

The wolf bills sponsored by Rep. Paul Fielder and Sen. Bob Brown (bounty bill), both of Thompson Falls, defy science and the importance of predators on the landscape. Fielder represents HD 13—10,000 people. Brown represents SD 7—20,000 people including Fielder's district. This is less than two percent of Montana's population. Interestingly, trappers account for only 0.5 percent of Montanans.

In other words, these new trapping laws are for the pleasure of a small special interest. Now trappers, 0.5 percent, will control public lands with even more traps and snares. Wildlife, pets and livestock (especially sheep) will be maimed and killed, leaving FWP potentially liable.

HUNTING

Elk numbers are highest in recorded history, even in the Thompson Falls region. FWP states that elk numbers there dropped due to a brutal winter and are recovered. The real problem in that region is that outfitters are not restricted to specific areas. Hunters have told me that up to eight outfitters and their clients ride through their camps during hunting season. There's no point in trying to hunt with that traffic.

LIVESTOCK

Livestock loss due to predators is negligible, and well compensated—three times the value of the animal. Despite this, livestock interests continue to wage a senseless war on predators more reminiscent of the 1880's than the 21st century.

"Since 2013, no region of the state has had an elk population below objective. The elk population is nearly double state objective. The Montana Livestock Loss Board confirmed 60 cattle deaths as wolf depredations among 2.5 million cattle in 2020. Wolves killed just 0.0024% of Montana's cows in 2020. There were 49 sheep confirmed killed by wolves out of 200,000 in Montana in 2020, or 0.025%. Non-predator losses such as disease, poison and weather killed 10%." –Norm Bishop

Nonlethal livestock protection has proven to be far more effective than trapping. One reason is because when a wolf or coyote is trapped and killed, the pack splinters and creates more breeding, less knowledge and experience and less food, thus attacks on livestock increase.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The public is increasingly locked out of public lands because they are mine fields of traps and snares. How shortsighted, how ironic, that it's too dangerous to hunt, fish, hike, camp, even boat in a state renowned for its rare diversity of wildlife and vast landscapes. More people than ever are seeking outdoor

experiences. Public safety should always be the top priority of state officials. At the least, signage should be mandated where traps and snares are set.

Footloose MT received reports of 19 dogs and one cat caught in traps last season, a fraction of the total number. We received this letter from a man whose dog was caught in a power snare in eastern Montana. It points out the inconsistencies of the law, and how trapping gets away with what would be illegal in any other case:

My female setter Bell was snared on January 3 2021, about 18 miles west of Opheim on BLM lands off the Theory Rd.

It would be impossible for me to describe the stress and trauma of having this happen, both for me and my dog. Fortunately I run all my bird dogs with radio telemetry collars and I was able to get to her in time to save her. At first I couldn't locate the locking mechanism as it was cinched deep and has a spring to maintain the tension. It crushed her trachea and she was choking out. I was able to detach the carabiner from the ground stake and I took my dying dog in my arms and ran back to my truck with her still in the snare. My plan was to race the 18 miles back to town and find help and tools. I would have never made it in time. By the time I got to the truck she was passing out. Her eyes were bulging and sticky thick foam was extruding from her mouth. I laid her on the gravel road. I made one last frantic attempt to unlock the snare. Somehow my effort worked; a miracle.

Some might ask why I was out with my bird dogs after the shooting season? I enjoy running my dogs that's why. I have every right to be there, as much right as any other taxpayer. My activities do not endanger other lives, man or animal. I find it ironic that if my dog bit someone that day on BLM that I would be liable but someone can leave a lethal tool out indiscriminately and has no liability? This doesn't make any sense to me. How is it that ice fishermen need to check their tip ups daily and trappers can leave snares and trap at will? Tip ups have flags on them.

I am an avid outdoors person; I enjoy fair chase hunting and fishing.

This man requested anonymity because threats and property destruction are well-known tactics against those who speak out against trappers. If you'd like to speak with him, we'll inquire.

Footloose MT opposes trapping and snaring of wolves—heightened to a frenzy by a bounty—that will destroy decades of conservation and create chaos on our public lands. The bycatch, including endangered species, must be reported. All animals trapped should be reported. This is the only way to know the impact.

Thank you for reading our comments. We fervently ask you to do all you can to mitigate the disastrous reach of these laws. You have a unique opportunity to regain public confidence. When you lose the ability to regulate, you lose the tether to science and profit becomes the motive, which will destroy the resource. Montana cannot withstand the scope of this assault.

Respectfully,

Connie Poten
Board Chair
Footloose Montana

Stephen Capra
Executive Director
Footloose Montana

Footloose Montana
PO Box 8884
Missoula, MT 59807

32. From: ben pilato <b.pilato@yahoo.com>Date: Mon, Jun 28, 2021, 8:49 AM

Subject: 90% of wolves
To: <FWPDistrict4@gmail.com>

Good afternoon

So you honestly think killing 90% of wolves is the best idea? You folks get paid all that money to be in those positions and that's the best you came up with??? Anyone participating in this is disgusting. Don't try to tell me about the science, because it's BS. Talk with people who are not getting kick backs from the Governor and they will say that you need the wolves. Even if you don't like them, give us the people a chance to pay to move them. But no, you would rather kill. Gross. Only little boys who can't get hot chicks think that it's cool to kill wolves.

Ben

Sent from my iPhone

33. From: Jeff Meide <jmeide@earthjmeide@earthlink.net> Date: Mon, Jun 28, 2021, 8:47 AM
Subject: Are traps and snares ethical?
To: <FWPDistrict4@gmail.com>

Commissioner Robinson,
As a steward of our wildlands and animals, I would like to hear your personal views on the ethics of using traps and snares to kill whatever animal is unfortunate enough to encounter one.
Thank you,
J. Meide, Billings

34. From: mblunt@montanadsl.net> Date: Mon, Jun 28, 2021, 10:04 AM
Subject: Expanded Trapping and Extended Wolf Season
To: <FWPDistrict4@gmail.com>

Dear Commissioner Robinson,

Thank you for extending the public comment period on the subject above. I have been agonizing for weeks over the news of the extended wolf trapping season, use of snares, nighthunting, etc. without taking action, but can no longer be silent.

I am strongly opposed to the new wolf hunting laws passed by this legislature, because they are not based on scientific data on maintaining a sustainable population of this keystone species, but based on a small group of trappers/hunters who also happen to be in the current legislator, yet affect everyone who recreates on public lands in Montana and all of our wildlife and domestic animals. How can one person's needs trump the majority population of Montana?! You have the power to stop this from happening!

My issue is that I no longer feel safe in public lands, for fear of my dogs stepping into a snare, nor do I myself feel safe, for fear of stepping into a hidden trap on dirt roads or by a riverbank. And I fear for all the other wildlife, including those on the Endangered Species list, that will unknowingly step into these traps and die an agonizing death....for what? And I haven't read anything that proves that the decline in ungulates is due to wolf predation in the northwestern part of Montana.

It's incomprehensible that my safety and that of my family and friends and the existence of our wildlife is in the hands of a few trappers who have pushed this legislation through, knowing they can get everything they want with the current governor.

And I understand that recently a new higher quota on Otter has been passed. What scientific data is that decision based on?! Or was it not based on data, but on some man's lust for their fur?
While I know this is not at issue, I want to express my belief that trapping in itself is an immoral act of

violence ...trapping death is slow and painful and random. I am not a hunterbut I have no issue with hunters who do a fair hunt.

PLEASE rescind these cruel and dangerous laws. Don't succumb to intimidation or pressure, but do the right thing for the majority of Montanans and our precious wildlife that define our state.
Thank you,

Melissa Blunt
C: 406-546-7134
mblunt@montanadsl.net

35. From: Sterling Garlock <sgarlockcon@gmail.com>Date: Fri, Jun 25, 2021, 10:36 PM
Subject: In support of harvesting wolves
To: <FWPDistrict1@gmail.com>, <FWPDistrict2@gmail.com>, <FWPDistrict3@gmail.com>, <FWPDistrict4@gmail.com>, <FWPDistrict5@gmail.com>

I support wolf snaring, hunting over bait and longer wolf season in region 1,2,3. Please save the elk!
Thank you Sterling Garlock

36. From: KEVIN PINE <stanpine81@aol.com>Date: Sat, Jul 3, 2021, 5:19 PM
Subject: Lesley Robinson
To: <FWPdistrct4@gmail.com>

As a avid trapper and hunter, I believe it is imperative that there is a longer hunting season forwolves in regions 1,2,3 and hunting over bait and trapping being included to save the deer andelk populations in theses regions.

Kevin (Oak) Pine
Sent from my iPhone

37. From: guymtelkhunter <guymtelkhunter@aol.com>Date: Sat, Jul 3, 2021, 9:07 PM
Subject: Lesley Robinson
To: <fwpdistrict4@gmail.com>

Lesley, I support the extended wolf season proposal, snaring and hunting over bait. Thank you, Guy

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

38. From: Lawrence Drummond <lawrence.drummond@att.net>Date: Mon, Jun 28, 2021, 3:05 PM
Subject: Limiting Wolves, Otters
To: <FWPDistrict4@gmail.com>

Ms Robinson

Regarding new legislation restricting Wolf and Otter Populations, please consider that alleged wolf predation numbers against cattle are (greatly) exaggerated. To reduce the wolf population will upset the balance of nature and ultimately, negatively affect cattle. Wolves are needed to counteract CWD amongst the Cervid population. And Otter pelt costs can't ever justify cruelly trapping this already endangered species.

Promote an Eco-Friendly Montana for the cattle industry and for the benefit of all of the People. Thank you very much.

Lawrence J Drummond
<Lawrence.drummond@att.net> Sent from my iPhone

39. From: Chris Morgan <c.morgan11@icloud.com>Date: Sat, Jun 26, 2021, 6:31 PM
Subject: Montana wolf proposal
**To: <FWPDistrict1@gmail.com>, <FWPDistrict2@gmail.com>,
<FWPDistrict3@gmail.com>, <FWPDistrict4@gmail.com>, <FWPDistrict5@gmail.com>**

Commissioners,

I'm writing this email in regard to the 2021/2022 wolf hunting and trapping proposal.

After seeing the proposal, I have to say I'm a bit disappointed: Montanans have worked tirelessly since the delisting of the grey wolf to reduce its numbers to a manageable population size. For years, our efforts seem to have been continually blocked. After recent legislative success, it seems our efforts are yet again being blocked.

In regards to seasons opening earlier, two weeks is not going to be a "magical" period of time as far as reducing grizzly bear issues. I've lived and hunted and trapped in region 3 for two decades and I can count on one finger the instances where I've seen a grizzly or even a track. Want to exclude them from snares? A 500 pound breakaway will take care of that with no issues. There is absolutely no reason to have a 1,000 pound breakaway, and to be honest, that opens the door to holding any incidental large animal that (rarely) may happen to wander into a snare. While we're on the topic of snares, a loop 18" off the surface will have absolutely no issues excluding a lynx 99.9% of the time. Requiring a relaxing lock in the lynx protection areas on a snare hung at that height is just silly.

The majority of depredations and wolf related issues lie within regions 1, 2, and 3. Why would we create opportunities to harvest more wolves and help our ungulate populations and ranchers only to have them utilized in regions that they aren't needed in? That's not a rhetorical question by the way, I'd appreciate an answer to that. Sure, there are wolves in region 5 but guess what? That's also where the largest population of grizzly bears in the state resides.

Smell fishy to you? It sure does to me.

In any open-minded, educated individual's eyes, this proposal is simply a way to undermine the bills passed during the legislative session, and a way to appease the extremist groups who oppose hunting and trapping in Montana. Please do not side with them. The money they raise does nothing to help Montanans or our wildlife.

In short, I'd ask that all of you please consider allowing the extended seasons to take place in ALL regions, and not to exclude the regions that could most utilize it. I'd also ask you to familiarize yourself with snares, and be open minded to the reasons some of these limitations make no sense.

Lastly, in 2016, Montanans came out and voted a resounding "no" to I-177, a bill that supported banning trapping on public land. 63% of Montanans felt trapping on public land was essential. I'd suggest removing any restrictions being imposed, and allow snaring on public lands as well, obviously with the current setbacks in place. Thank you, and I appreciate your time.

Chris Morgan
Clancy, Mt

40. From: Charles Seymour <charles.b.seymour@gmail.com>Date: Sun, Jun 27, 2021, 9:23 PM
Subject: Montana's wolf plan is bad for business, tourism, and wildlife overall
**To: <fwcomm@mt.gov>, <fwpgen@mt.gov>, <FWPDistrict1@gmail.com>,
<FWPDistrict2@gmail.com>, <FWPDistrict4@gmail.com>, <FWPDistrict3@gmail.com>,
<FWPDistrict5@gmail.com>**

Dear Commissioners Cebull, Walsh, Robinson, Byorth and Tabor:

It is extremely disheartening to see wolves be used as a scapegoat for hunters and agriculture members. As someone who has purchased Montana fishing licenses for over 20 years, it's my sincere hope that

FWP will listen to all stakeholders and the voices of ethical hunters and anglers who are unhappy with the direction Montana is going in terms of killing so many wolves by unethical means.

The good people of Montana, the Rocky Mountain Region and even the United States as a whole are watching this very closely. State policies such as this only serve to create more tension when it comes to the Endangered Species Act. If state policy were more aligned with the values of the general public, then there would surely be more public support to de-list animals like grizzly bears and the Canadian Lynx. But as it stands, decisions are driven by narrow special interest groups of trappers and trophy hunters and the current wolf plan only serves to drive a wedge between the ethical sportsmen and the trophy hunters. When members of the public feel that their voices are not heard, public trust is severely undermined.

I've written into the commission several times over the years, and while the public is told that FWP takes all stakeholder feedback seriously, I've never gotten a response to my emails, nor have I ever seen a real interest on behalf of FWP to acknowledge and seriously consider feedback from a broad group of the public who is unhappy with the direction of Montana's wolf policy.

The current legislation is bad for tourism and bad for wildlife overall. Wolves keep the ungulate population healthy. This plan is not aligned with the values of ethical sportsmen and sportswomen.

I would appreciate a response to the email and curious how the FWP commission plans to involve all stakeholders going forward.

Thanks, Charles

41. From: Anne Garde <anniegarde@yahoo.com> Date: Sat, Jun 26, 2021, 3:47 PM
Subject: new wolf trapping laws
To: <FWPDistrict4@gmail.com>

Dear Commissioner Robinson,

When you are discussing how to implement the new wolf trapping laws, please consider these points:

Use of snares and baiting to trap wolves, along with night hunting is dangerous and inhumane. It increases the chances of fatalities for non-target wildlife and pets.

Extending the wolf trapping and snaring season will kill more non-target animals including livestock and pets as well as some wildlife species protected by the Endangered Species Act.

Please remember, too, that elk and deer numbers are at record high levels or slightly increased in Montana. Wolves have not hindered populations. In 1995 when wolves were reintroduced in Montana, there were 109,500 elk in Montana. In 2020, there were 136,000, 25% over objective. Unlimited wolf killing is not supported by science or the facts.

Please do not make walking on public land a dangerous pastime. Please do not put public safety at risk for the sake of trappers, a very small segment of our population. Please limit these laws in whatever ways you can.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Anne Garde
329 South 4th Street West Missoula, MT. 5980

42. From: Ester Gonzalez <ester.gonzalezlax@yahoo.com> Date: Sat, Jun 26, 2021, 12:46 AM
Subject: Otters/Wolves
To: <FWPDistrict4@gmail.com>

Dear Commissioner Lesley Robinson,

I am writing to you in order to share reasons why I oppose numerous new bills targeting Otters and Wolves.

Snares- even with all the instructions that are attached to using snares, they won't stop from catching all kinds of wild life and domestic animals. It's inhumane, cruel, and only benefits a small minority of trappers that already use very unethical methods of hunting. We should be conserving wild life and not seeing their value once they are dead.

Night hunting - this poses a great danger to humans and animals. Using guns, traps at night is just a bad idea. Animals need to be left alone as well. 24 hours of constant attack is inhumane, unethical, and unscientific.

Extending wolf hunting season by another month will deplete wolf populations that have taken years to bring back. There is a benefit to having wolves, and even farmers know that killing wolves is what results in livestock depredation. Wolf packs are important to maintain since they help to train the yearlings/pups to hunt other than livestock. Wolves are also the reason I travel to Yellowstone often, and wolves of Yellowstone that cross into Montana have a death sentence. It's horrible to even think about it.

There are many ways to coexist. and just killing off, collapsing whole species is reckless, and not the conservation needed.

For example, another bill looking to legitimize Baiting with scent is horrible. It attracts all animals, leaves a waste, sometimes for farmers to deal with. It changes animal's diets, has them lose their natural instinct of hunting.

I welcome you to please look at the real state of fur trapping. It involves people with no respect for private property, ecosystems, or populations of endangered species. They drive through forests in large teams and enjoy killing with hounds, guns, etc. This isn't culture, it's sadistic criminality.

Otters are a "sensitive species", their hunting should not be up for debate. I oppose this new push to also hunt otters.

Thank you for your attention. I hope you will support a wild, safe, and healthy Montana

Cordially,

- Ester Gonzalez
Mobile 213-280-3168

43. From: Lucia Annunziata <magazinegirl1952@aol.com> Date: Mon, Jun 28, 2021, 10:26 AM
Subject: STOP THE WOLF SLAUGHTER!
To: FWPDistrict1@gmail.com <FWPDistrict1@gmail.com>, FWPDistrict4@gmail.com <FWPDistrict4@gmail.com>, FWPDistrict5@gmail.com <FWPDistrict5@gmail.com>

We seem to be living in the 1800's! The hunting and trapping of Wolves needs to stop before they are all wiped out. They keep our ecosystem in check. Trapping and Snaring is cruel and antiquated. Dogs, cats and other animals not intended for these horrible contraptions are victims too.

The overpopulation, taking away more and more territory for our wildlife is one of the biggest problems they face. Cattle ranching on public lands is another big problem.

We must learn to co-exist and find other ways.
Stop these insane laws now. The majority of the public, including others that live in other states, agree.

Sincerely,
Lucia M. Annunziata
www.protectuswildlife.org [protectuswildlife.org] Committee to Abolish Traps and Snares (Facebook.)

44. From: Joshua Stephenson <jstephenson148@gmail.com>Date: Sat, Jul 3, 2021, 4:55 PM
Subject: Support wolf trapping and snaring
**To: <FWPDistrict1@gmail.com>, <FWPDistrict2@gmail.com>,
<FWPDistrict3@gmail.com>, <FWPDistrict4@gmail.com>, <FWPDistrict5@gmail.com>**
I support wolf trapping and snaring and extended seasons in 1,2,3 units.
Joshua Stephenson5053868853

45. From: Marcia Mueller <marciamueller0000@gmail.com>Date: Mon, Jun 28, 2021, 10:05 AM
Subject: WOLF HUNT LAWS
To: fwpdistrict4@gmail.com <fwpdistrict4@gmail.com>
Please reconsider your proposed wolf hunting laws.

Snaring and trapping should be outlawed on the cruelty alone. They also harm and kill non-target animals.

Night hunting and baiting are dangerous and against the rules of the fair hunt.

Wolves account for a small percentage of domestic animal deaths. Many unfortunate cattle and sheep die because of bad weather and lack of care.

The new wolf hunt rules are extreme and look like a vendetta against the species. That also seems like a throwback to the 19th century. The proposed hunting will do Montana's reputation no good.

Thank you for your attention. Marcia Mueller
Spokane, Washington

46. From: John Eckman <jeckman72@msn.com>Date: Mon, Jun 28, 2021, 7:15 AM
Subject: Wolf management
To: FWPDistrict4@gmail.com <FWPDistrict4@gmail.com>

Dear Lesley Robinson,
I support wolf snaring, hunting over bait and longer wolf season in region 1,2,3. The future of our wildlife depends on this.
Thank you for your time and consideration, John Eckman

47. From: Chance Thedford <xmodriver@icloud.com>Date: Sat, Jul 3, 2021, 12:38 PM
Subject: Wolf management
To: <FWPDistrict4@gmail.com>

Not understanding why wolf management is being left out of certain districts in Montana? Are livestock producers or game animals less important in these districts?
Is it to appease the anti trapping groups? I can assure you that if that is the case, it won't work. They will never stop until all wildlife management is gone

Chance Thedford

48. From: Paul Edwards <hgmnuide@gmail.com>Date: Sat, Jun 26, 2021, 2:07 PM
Subject: wolf murder
To: <FWPDistrict4@gmail.com>

Madam: Don't let this vicious, stupid, anti-life bad joke of a proposal be implemented. You represent many more of us than just the sick, ignorant rednecks who are pushing this unjustifiable massacre. Most of us are lovers of all Montana's nature who are fiercely opposed to killing predators for the fun and profit of imbecilic throwbacks. Honor yourself by honoring all wild life for itself, not for meat, hides, and money.

Paul Edwards
Augusta

49. From: mgullette <mgullette@blackfoot.net> Date: Sat, Jun 26, 2021, 11:21 PM
Subject: wolf trapping and longer season
To: Lesley Robinson <FWPDistrict4@gmail.com>

I support a longer Trapping and Snaring season for the wolves and I support Hunting them over Bait in Regions 1 2 3 4 5. We need to get the wolf under control it is killing all the wildlife. Mike Gullette Superior MT.

50. From: Dave Birkoski <mtwalli78@gmail.com> Date: Sat, Jul 3, 2021, 12:38 PM
Subject: Wolf's
To: <FWPDistrict4@gmail.com>

I support Wolf Snaring, Hunting Over Bait and Longer Wolf Season. Thank You

David Birkoski Sent from my iPad

51. From: Michelle Ray <mlray669@gmail.com> Date: Sun, Jun 27, 2021, 12:29 AM
Subject: Wolves
To: <FWPDistrict4@gmail.com>

I support wolf snaring, hunting over bait and longer wolf season in region 1,2,3. The longer wolf season is very important to get these predators under control.

Sincerely, Michelle Ray

52. From: Heather Hellyer <kaya97524@yahoo.com> Date: Mon, Jun 28, 2021, 8:05 AM
Subject: Wolves
To: FWPDistrict1@gmail.com <FWPDistrict1@gmail.com>, FWPDistrict2@gmail.com <FWPDistrict2@gmail.com>, FWPDistrict3@gmail.com <FWPDistrict3@gmail.com>, FWPDistrict4@gmail.com <FWPDistrict4@gmail.com>, FWPDistrict5@gmail.com <FWPDistrict5@gmail.com>

I am appalled and horrified at the proposed laws in Montana to hunt wolves at night, to allow unlimited kills on one license, to lengthen the trapping season, and to allow trapping in districts of national parks.

'We need the tonic of wildness' - Richard Nixon

Humans need the wilderness and wildlife and I am cannot understand the obsessive need by some mento continue killing wildlife in inhumane and horrific ways. Shame on the state of Montana and shame on Montana's Fish and Wildlife services for allowing a few 'hunters' to ruin what could be a truly beautiful state. Stop killing wildlife just for fun.

Make Montana a state people will want to visit to see wildlife and beauty and don't make Montana known for killing animals just for fun.

Heather Hellyer

53. From: John Beller <chrysalisenterprise@gmail.com>Date: Sun, Jun 27, 2021, 9:42 AM
Subject:
To: fwpdistrict4@gmail.com <fwpdistrict4@gmail.com>

Dear Leslie, please do what you can to stop the senseless murdering of innocent animals likewolves and otters. They love their life as much as you love yours ,please do what you can tostop this. sincerely John

56. From: Joane Bayer
To: FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Extended Wolf Trapping Season
Date: Sunday, July 4, 2021 8:12:04 AM

FWP,

I am **NOT** in favor of extended wolf trapping in any regions from December 1st to March 15th. Two weeks extension on either end of the current trapping season will snare too many dogs out hiking with their owners. Lately the winters have been snow free in December and March and Montanans are out hiking, including me and my dogs.

Thank you,

Joane Bayer Canyon CreekRegion 1

57. From: Lawrence Drummond <lawrence.drummond@att.net>
Date: June 29, 2021 at 10:26:01 AM CDT
To: citizensadvocate@mt.gov
Subject: Restricting wolves, otters

Governor Gianforte,

Please consider contacting Stephen Capra @ 406.370.3028 or
<Stephen@footloosemontana.org>

regarding protecting wolves and otters rather than painfully limiting their numbers. In the 1930s the Park Service in one or more national parks tried to wipe out predators to make the deer population explode—which it did! The deer consumed all grasses down to their roots—ending their food supply. The Park Service from then on, had to feed the deer to avert starvation. I believe the State of Montana will possibly have a similar experience with their new legislation against wolves, otters. Benefits from wolves controlling CWD amongst Cervids more than outweighs the very few (in fact) cattle deaths they may cause. And there is no justification for cruelly trapping the already endangered otter. It pays to be aware of the facts. Please consider the importance of these issues. Thank you very much.

Lawrence J Drummond

<Lawrence.drummond@att.net> Sent from my iPhone

58. From: Lucia Annunziata <magazinegirl1952@aol.com>Date: Mon, Jun 28, 2021, 10:26 AM
Subject: STOP THE WOLF SLAUGHTER!

To: FWPDistrict1@gmail.com <FWPDistrict1@gmail.com>, FWPDistrict4@gmail.com <FWPDistrict4@gmail.com>, FWPDistrict5@gmail.com <FWPDistrict5@gmail.com>

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Lucia M. Annunziata

www.protectuswildlife.org [protectuswildlife.org] Committee to Abolish Traps and Snares (Facebook.)

**59. From: Paul Antczak <predatorsnprey@gmail.com> Date: Tue, Jun 29, 2021, 6:29 PM
Subject: Wolf bill
To: <FWPDistrict4@gmail.com>**

My name is Paul Antczak.

I trap here in region one

We are the size of Yellowstone yet have 5 times the wolf population

I'm in favor of snaring wolves in region 1,2,3

I'm in favor of a extended season in region 1,2,3 I'm also in favor of hunting over bait in region 1,2,3

The proposal that the fwp submitted is not legislative intent. Thank you Paul Antczak

Jesus is my Lord

**60. From: Joshua Jurek <joshjurek@live.com> Date: Tue, Jun 29, 2021, 8:02 PM
Subject: Wolf commission meeting
To: FWPDistrict4@gmail.com <FWPDistrict4@gmail.com>**

Dear Lesley Robinson,

My name is Josh Jurek I live in region 1, out of Plains. I grew up in this small town and my family was raised on wild game meat. Fast forward many years and I ended up in the upper peninsula of Michigan and raised a family off wild game meat myself, then came thewolves. As each season came our tags and opportunities got less and less to the point we uprooted and came back out west to Montana. I was a decent trapper in Michigan, I dreamed I could somehow help. I have spent the past few years doing my part to removea few wolves from the ecosystem legally and have had many ups and downs.

These new changes in the laws would be a huge benefit to Montana ranchers and over all sportsman alike. But the thing that I don't understand is why there only for the east side the state. As you have recorded in your records the majority of wolf conflict is inthe western regions #1 being hit the hardest! In this I urge you the consider the future ofour sporting history in this state for our youth. The

proposal was to reduce the number of wolves, thus reduce the conflict and taxpayer dollars being used.

I personally have tagged 9 and my son 2, over the last three years (spending approximately \$9,000 of my own money, not taxpayers). I know how hard it is to catch 1 .

By extending the season by even a month would allow for trappers to have more viable time with better weather conditions for greater success.

By allowing the use of snares (with a class to certify first) some of us seasoned guys could ease the burden on wildlife services by an increase wolf harvest in areas with increased problems.

The use of bait to hunt or trap a wolf is a no brainer to me they are a carnivore they eat meat . You don't bait a mouse to a trap without bait ! In Canada the use of bait to hunt wolves is not hugely successful but it is another added tool that does increase our harvest success. As I see it until Montana starts to at least harvest the number of wolves to match the number of pups hitting the ground each spring we are going backwards.

This I did not see in the proposal but by far the greatest thing that could be done to increase harvest in my opinion is change setback laws to the same as that of everything else! Trap placement is key and so key that more often nothing else matters . Often 150 ft is never the right trap placement. After all I guess you know this as your officials trap and collar wolves right on the road , not even 50 ft setback. And they struggle at it even then correct?

I close this message by asking simply to stand up for your state to the ones urging you to stop us from hunting , trapping , and fishing. Sportsmen are the #1 contributing factor to why we have wildlife in the abundance we do. I will be a trapper for life or until it's taken away from me, please don't let that happen. From my grandfather to me , from me to my son please. Sincerely,

Josh Jurek

121 Lower Lynch Creek Rd Plains, MT

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61. From: Megan Maier
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 8:36:56 AM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I'm writing about the proposed rules for managing wolves under legislation passed by the 2021 Montana State Legislature, which went too far by passing extreme anti-wolf measures that do not align with the values of most Montanans and those visiting Montana. Wolf mortality is already at an all-time high: around 400 wolves died in 2019 — 293 of them killed by hunting and trapping. Expanding seasons and adding new wolf killing measures is unnecessary, unsporting, and not based in science.

Most Montanans are fascinated by wolf families and recognize the vital role they play in balancing the GYE while others — individuals in the legislature — are still promoting the myth of the "big bad wolf" so they can kill these animals for trophies and bragging rights. The recovery of wolves in Montana is a true wildlife conservation achievement about which Montanans are proud to have played a key role. Today, Montana's unique wildlife — particularly wolves — draw millions of visitors who spend tens of millions of dollars annually to bolster our local economies. Merely attempting to kill wolves has a detrimental effect beyond the species: an Idaho survey from the 2011-2012 season found that for every wolf trapped, 1.2 other animals were caught and almost half of those non-target animals died. Montana's wildlife are worth far more alive than turned into a trophy for a handful of people. Please retain the limited quotas for wolves adjacent to our National Parks where millions of tourists spend money, hoping to catch a glimpse of wolves and other wildlife.

Killing more wolves to "manage" the population — of wolves or their prey — is not based in science. The proponents of the wolf bills this legislative session suggested they would help restore balance to struggling elk and deer populations. However, these populations are thriving and wolves are self-regulating: killing them does not prevent future losses as new predators rapidly fill in the vacant territory.

In 2019, 293 wolves were killed by trophy hunters and trappers. At last count, there are only around 833 wolves in Montana. This means trophy hunters and trappers killed more than one-third of the estimated population in just one year. This figure doesn't include the dozens of wolves killed in vehicle collisions, by poachers, and in response to conflicts with livestock, which are rare in Montana and must not be used as a justification for more killing.

Traps and snares are inherently indiscriminate and their use in Montana should not be increased. Traps and snares capture and kill pets, working dogs, and non-target wildlife who are then subjected to unthinkable cruelty as they fight to free themselves. In Montana, traps and snares can be set 50 feet from public trails and 300 feet from trailheads and campgrounds. Allowing wolf snaring means more family dogs may get caught up in snares. Snares are cheap so trappers may place thousands out on the landscape, neglecting to pick them up after the trapping season closes. Please keep snares off of the public lands where Montanans and visitors recreate. Please also continue to prohibit the use of bait and hunting

at night.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Megan Maier meganmaierb@gmail.com 343 Doney Way
Bozeman, Montana 59718

62. From: Donna Harrison
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 6:08:57 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I'm writing regarding the new wolf regulations. Baiting, snares and night hunting are unnecessary and pose a public threat. Quotas should remain where they have been, with mortality rates at an all time high. Our legislature has gone far beyond reasonable limitations in wolf control.

Thank you.

Donna Harrison
77 Moose Creek Road Polebridge, MT

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63. From: James Roach
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 9:40:47 AM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

I've been hunting deer and elk in

Montana for nearly 50 years. We hunt in several districts, and while the nature of elk hunting has changed since the reintroduction of wolves to the state, we continue to see success and feel the elk numbers are not diminished by the presence of wolves on the landscape. In fact I greatly value their presence, just knowing they are there and due to the ecosystem services they provide. I'm disgusted by the unethical and unsustainable legislation that was passed in the recent legislature and hope the scientists and professionals at MTFWP and the Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission will push back against these cruel laws. In the absence of humane and well considered state policy, the Feds will have to reenlist these

creatures through the ESA and maybe that will be for the best. Hopefully the State of Montana can show they know how to protect vital ecosystems and species in our own state.

James Roach jimbobmt@gmail.com 4720 Humble Rd
Missoula, Montana 59804

64. From: Mariah Palmer
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 5:11:13 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

The 2021 Legislature went too far, passing extreme anti-wolf measures that are out of touch with what most Montanans want. As we are witnessing the 6th mass extinction it baffles me why we would be choosing aggressive and inhumane killing tactics against wolves. Wolves are a keystone species and contribute a great deal to the overall health of the land.

Also, snares should never be on public lands where many Montanans like to recreate. They create a hazard for people, pets and wildlife.

Please also continue to prohibit the use of bait and hunting at night.

Coexisting with wolves and other predators in Montana is a great privilege. If we disrespect nature and exterminate wolves once again, what are we left with? Please consider a conservative and cautious approach to your wolf management.

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Bozeman, Montana 59715

65. From: Lisa Nowak
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 9:48:57 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

The 2021 Legislature went too far, passing extreme anti-wolf measures that are out of step with what most Montanans want. Wolf mortality is already at an all-time high—400 wolves died in 2019 (300 by hunting & trapping). Expanding seasons and adding new wolf killing measures is unnecessary and unwise.

Please keep snares off of the public lands where many Montanans like to recreate. They create a hazard for people, pets and wildlife. And since snares are cheap, trappers may place thousands out on the landscape, neglecting to pick them up after the trapping season closes.

Please retain the limited quotas for wolves adjacent to our National Parks—millions of tourists spend money in Montana’s gateway communities around the National Parks, hoping to catch a glimpse of a wolf, bear and other wildlife.

Please also continue to prohibit the use of bait and hunting at night.

The recovery of wolves in Montana is one of the great American wildlife conservation achievements, about which Montanans are proud to have played a key role. Let’s keep it that way with a conservative and cautious approach to wolf management.
Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

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66. From: Megan Tenney
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 9:26:02 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

The 2021 Legislature went too far, passing extreme anti-wolf measures that are out of step with what most Montanans want. Wolf mortality is already at an all-time high—400 wolves died in 2019 (300 by hunting & trapping). Expanding seasons and adding new wolf killing measures is unnecessary and unwise.

Please keep snares off of the public lands where many Montanans like to recreate. They create a hazard for people, pets and wildlife. And since snares are cheap, trappers may place thousands out on the landscape, neglecting to pick them up after the trapping season closes.

Please retain the limited quotas for wolves adjacent to our National Parks—millions of tourists spend money in Montana’s gateway communities around the National Parks, hoping to catch a glimpse of a wolf, bear and other wildlife.

Please also continue to prohibit the use of bait and hunting at night.

The recovery of wolves in Montana is one of the great American wildlife conservation achievements, about which Montanans are proud to have played a key role. Let’s keep it that way with a conservative and cautious approach to wolf management.
Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

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Billings, Montana 59105

67. From: Corinne Tribe
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 8:53:58 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

The 2021 Legislature went too far, passing extreme anti-wolf measures that are out of step with what most Montanans want. Wolf mortality is already at an all-time high—400 wolves died in 2019 (300 by hunting & trapping). Expanding seasons and adding new wolf killing measures is unnecessary and unwise.

Please keep snares off of the public lands where many Montanans like to recreate. They create a hazard for people, pets and wildlife. And since snares are cheap, trappers may place thousands out on the landscape, neglecting to pick them up after the trapping season closes.

Please retain the limited quotas for wolves adjacent to our National Parks—millions of tourists spend money in Montana’s gateway communities around the National Parks, hoping to catch a glimpse of a wolf, bear and other wildlife.

Please also continue to prohibit the use of bait and hunting at night.

The recovery of wolves in Montana is one of the great American wildlife conservation achievements, about which Montanans are proud to have played a key role. Let’s keep it that way with a conservative and cautious approach to wolf management.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

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Missoula, Montana 59801-8608

68. From: William Hanley
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 7:57:56 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

The 2021 Legislature went too far, passing extreme anti-wolf measures that are out of step with what most Montanans want. Wolf mortality is already at an all-time high—400 wolves died in 2019 (300 by hunting & trapping). Expanding seasons and adding new wolf killing measures is unnecessary and unwise.

Please keep snares off of the public lands where many Montanans like to recreate. They create a hazard for people, pets and wildlife. And since snares are cheap, trappers may place thousands out on the landscape, neglecting to pick them up after the trapping season closes.

There is no reason to continue to allow trapping. It is certainly cruel and unusual, and definitely unnecessary.

Please retain the limited quotas for wolves adjacent to our National Parks—millions of tourists spend money in Montana’s gateway communities around the National Parks, hoping to catch a glimpse of a wolf, bear and other wildlife.

Please also continue to prohibit the use of bait and hunting at night.

The recovery of wolves in Montana is one of the great American wildlife conservation achievements, about which Montanans are proud to have played a key role. Let's keep it that way with a conservative and cautious approach to wolf management.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

William Hanley runningfromtrees@gmail.com 703 W Hallmark Ln
Missoula , Montana 59801

69. From: jackie eaton
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 7:14:40 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

The 2021 Legislature went too far, passing extreme anti-wolf measures that are out of step with what most Montanans want. Wolf mortality is already at an all-time high—400 wolves died in 2019 (300 by hunting & trapping). Expanding seasons and adding new wolf killing measures is unnecessary and unwise.

Please keep snares off of the public lands where many Montanans like to recreate. They create a hazard for people, pets and wildlife. And since snares are cheap, trappers may place thousands out on the landscape, neglecting to pick them up after the trapping season closes.

Please retain the limited quotas for wolves adjacent to our National Parks—millions of tourists spend money in Montana's gateway communities around the National Parks, hoping to catch a glimpse of a wolf, bear and other wildlife.

Please also continue to prohibit the use of bait and hunting at night.

The recovery of wolves in Montana is one of the great American wildlife conservation achievements, about which Montanans are proud to have played a key role. Let's keep it that way with a conservative and cautious approach to wolf management.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment. This atrocious and cruel mass killing spree must end

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BIGFORK, Montana 59911

70. From: Debra Phillips
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 4:21:32 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

The 2021 Legislature went too far, passing extreme anti-wolf measures that are out of step with what most Montanans want. Wolf mortality is already at an all-time high—400 wolves died in 2019 (300 by

hunting & trapping). Expanding seasons and adding new wolf killing measures is unnecessary and unwise.

Please keep snares off of the public lands where many Montanans like to recreate. They create a hazard for people, pets and wildlife. And since snares are cheap, trappers may place thousands out on the landscape, neglecting to pick them up after the trapping season closes.

Please retain the limited quotas for wolves adjacent to our National Parks—millions of tourists spend money in Montana’s gateway communities around the National Parks, hoping to catch a glimpse of a wolf, bear and other wildlife.

Please also continue to prohibit the use of bait and hunting at night.

The recovery of wolves in Montana is one of the great American wildlife conservation achievements, about which Montanans are proud to have played a key role. Let’s keep it that way with a conservative and cautious approach to wolf management.

As you may already know, wolves are essential to the well being of our environment. Not only do they cull the sick and weak ungulates, keeping herds healthy and strong, but they also affect the behavior of those herds. By keeping the herds moving, grasses and trees have a chance to finally regrow where they had previously been decimated. This in turn brings birds and small animals back to those areas, along with both predator and prey. This is only the tip of the iceberg. Wolves are far more important to our very life on this planet than most people give them credit for. The more wolves we have, the more our ecosystem thrives. Therefore, I believe you should introduce new legislation to INCREASE the number of wolves in our country, and give them the MOST PROTECTION POSSIBLE. Thank you for your consideration, and Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Debra Phillips littlewingsgma@gmail.com 2671 Alice St
Butte, Montana 59701

71. From: Janine Baker
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 3:51:08 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation. This legislation totally ignores the important balance in our environment that wolves are an integral part of. To kill wolves is to jeopardize our ecosystems. It makes no sense in this era of climate change.

The 2021 Legislature went too far, passing extreme anti-wolf measures that are out of step with what most Montanans want. Wolf mortality is already at an all-time high—400 wolves died in 2019 (300 by hunting & trapping). Expanding seasons and adding new wolf killing measures is unnecessary and unwise.

Please keep snares off of the public lands where many Montanans like to recreate. They create a hazard for people, pets and wildlife. And since snares are cheap, trappers may place thousands out on the landscape, neglecting to pick them up after the trapping season closes.

Please retain the limited quotas for wolves adjacent to our National Parks—millions of tourists spend money in Montana’s gateway communities around the National Parks, hoping to catch a glimpse of a wolf, bear and other wildlife.

Please also continue to prohibit the use of bait and hunting at night.

The recovery of wolves in Montana is one of the great American wildlife conservation achievements, about which Montanans are proud to have played a key role. Let's keep it that way with a conservative and cautious approach to wolf management.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Janine Baker janineabaker@gmail.com 4459 White Eagle Circ Bozeman , Montana 59715

72. From: john dunkum
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 3:18:32 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

The 2021 Legislature went too far, passing extreme anti-wolf measures that are out of step with what most Montanans want. Wolf mortality is already at an all-time high—400 wolves died in 2019 (300 by hunting & trapping). Expanding seasons and adding new wolf killing measures is unnecessary and unwise.

Please keep snares off of the public lands where many Montanans like to recreate. They create a hazard for people, pets and wildlife. And since snares are cheap, trappers may place thousands out on the landscape, neglecting to pick them up after the trapping season closes.

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Please also continue to prohibit the use of bait and hunting at night.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

john dunkum dunkum@bresnan.net 601 E Beckwith Ave Missoula, Montana 59801

73. From: Carol Olson
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 3:00:52 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

The 2021 Legislature went too far, passing extreme anti-wolf measures that are out of step with what most Montanans want. Wolf mortality is already at an all-time high—400 wolves died in 2019 (300 by

hunting & trapping). Expanding seasons and adding new wolf killing measures is unnecessary and unwise.

Please keep snares off of the public lands where many Montanans like to recreate. They create a hazard for people, pets and wildlife. And since snares are cheap, trappers may place thousands out on the landscape, neglecting to pick them up after the trapping season closes.

Please retain the limited quotas for wolves adjacent to our National Parks—millions of tourists spend money in Montana's gateway communities around the National Parks, hoping to catch a glimpse of a wolf, bear and other wildlife.

Please also continue to prohibit the use of bait and hunting at night.

The recovery of wolves in Montana is one of the great American wildlife conservation achievements, about which Montanans are proud to have played a key role. Let's keep it that way with a conservative and cautious approach to wolf management.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

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ronan, Montana 59864

74. From: Christin Rzasa
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 1:23:37 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation. I am urging you to use caution in what is eventually implemented.

The 2021 Legislature went too far, passing extreme anti-wolf measures that are out of step with what most Montanans want. Wolf mortality is already at an all-time high—400 wolves died in 2019 (300 by hunting & trapping). Expanding seasons and adding new wolf killing measures is unnecessary and unwise. As every wildlife biologist knows, all of nature is an intricate system of co-dependent organisms that require balance. Remove one and the whole structure begins to collapse. I've seen firsthand how the reintroduction of wolves and their impact on the over-population of elk in Yellowstone has benefitted that ecosystem, with stands of aspen returning to health along the middle reaches of Slough Creek, in particular. Wolves are far more efficient than human hunters in helping maintain healthy populations of ungulates and are a necessary tool to that end, especially given the declining number of hunters among the younger generations in this country.

Please keep snares off of the public lands where many Montanans like to recreate. They create a hazard for people, pets and wildlife. Regulations controlling trapping - as well as the enforcement of those regulations - are so lax in this state that many Montanans are afraid to recreate with their dogs on public lands. Over the past few years, stories of friends' canine companions being killed or maimed by unmarked traps in winter have become more and more common, so much so that my husband and I are reluctant to take our dogs skiing or snowshoeing with us in the back country. The favoritism already shown to trappers by Fish and Game regulations is obvious and appalling, especially given the small numbers of actual trappers relative to that of Montanans who like to recreate on our public lands. Since snares are cheap, trappers may place thousands out on the landscape, neglecting to pick them up after the trapping season closes, and with the poor support the agency gives to funding its field agents, trappers are basically given a free rein to ignore the paltry regulations that do exist.

Please retain the limited quotas for wolves adjacent to our National Parks. Millions of tourists spend money in Montana's gateway communities around the National Parks, hoping to catch a glimpse of a

wolf, bear and other wildlife. That money represents a MUCH larger impact on the Montana economy than the amount spent by those wishing to kill one of these necessary predators.

Please also continue to prohibit the use of bait and hunting at night. Real hunting - the noble sport - is based on the idea of fair chase. Killing these animals by luring them in with bait and/or using night-vision equipment isn't hunting - it's just slaughter.

The recovery of wolves in Montana is one of the great American wildlife conservation achievements, about which Montanans are proud to have played a key role. Let's keep it that way with a conservative and cautious approach to wolf management. History has shown us that allowing the removal of a major predator from any ecosystem will yield dangerous and destructive results. We KNOW this. It's WHY we brought wolves back to begin with. Please don't turn a blind eye to what history has already taught us. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

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STEVENSVILLE, Montana 59870

75. From: sandra kempa
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 1:20:13 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

The 2021 Legislature went too far, passing extreme anti-wolf measures that are out of step with what most Montanans want. Wolf mortality is already at an all-time high—400 wolves died in 2019 (300 by hunting & trapping). Expanding seasons and adding new wolf killing measures is unnecessary and unwise.

Please keep snares off of the public lands where many Montanans like to recreate. They create a hazard for people, pets and wildlife. And since snares are cheap, trappers may place thousands out on the landscape, neglecting to pick them up after the trapping season closes.

Please retain the limited quotas for wolves adjacent to our National Parks—millions of tourists spend money in Montana's gateway communities around the National Parks, hoping to catch a glimpse of a wolf, bear and other wildlife.

Please also continue to prohibit the use of bait and hunting at night.

The recovery of wolves in Montana is one of the great American wildlife conservation achievements, about which Montanans are proud to have played a key role. Let's keep it that way with a conservative and cautious approach to wolf management. Let's be sensible and give these magnificent creatures a break and a chance to exist!

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

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black eagle, Montana 59414

76. From: Lucretia Olson
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules

Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 12:05:41 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

The 2021 Legislature went too far, passing extreme anti-wolf measures that are out of step with what most Montanans want. Wolf mortality is already at an all-time high—400 wolves died in 2019 (300 by hunting & trapping). Expanding seasons and adding new wolf killing measures is unnecessary and unwise.

Please keep snares off of the public lands where many Montanans like to recreate. They create a hazard for people, pets and wildlife. And since snares are cheap, trappers may place thousands out on the landscape, neglecting to pick them up after the trapping season closes.

Please retain the limited quotas for wolves adjacent to our National Parks—millions of tourists spend money in Montana's gateway communities around the National Parks, hoping to catch a glimpse of a wolf, bear and other wildlife.

Please also continue to prohibit the use of bait and hunting at night.

Please don't ignore the many comments in favor of wolf conservation like the Republican legislature did. Please be transparent about the number of positive and negative comments received.

The recovery of wolves in Montana is one of the great American wildlife conservation achievements, about which Montanans are proud to have played a key role. Let's keep it that way with a conservative and cautious approach to wolf management.
Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

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77. From: Michael Taylor
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 11:15:47 AM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

The 2021 Legislature went too far, passing extreme anti-wolf measures that are out of step with what most Montanans want. Wolf mortality is already at an all-time high—400 wolves died in 2019 (300 by hunting & trapping). Expanding seasons and adding new wolf killing measures is unnecessary and unwise.

Please keep snares off of the public lands where many Montanans like to recreate. They create a hazard for people, pets and wildlife. And since snares are cheap, trappers may place thousands out on the landscape, neglecting to pick them up after the trapping season closes.

Please retain the limited quotas for wolves adjacent to our National Parks—millions of tourists spend money in Montana's gateway communities around the National Parks, hoping to catch a glimpse of a wolf, bear and other wildlife.

Please also continue to prohibit the use of bait and hunting at night.

The recovery of wolves in Montana is one of the great American wildlife conservation achievements, about which Montanans are proud to have played a key role. Let's keep it that way with a conservative and cautious approach to wolf management. The plans supported by our Governor are outrageous and absurd and against the outdoor ethics of Montana. Trapping and snaring is inhumane and should be illegal in this state.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

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Red Lodge, Montana 59068

78. From: Christine Whiteside
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 11:02:49 AM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

I feel strongly that the 2021 Legislature went too far, passing extreme anti-wolf measures that are out of step with what most Montanans want. Given that wolf mortality is already at an all-time high—400 wolves died in 2019 (300 by hunting & trapping), expanding seasons and adding new wolf killing measures is unnecessary and unwise.

I have lived in areas where snares are used and I urge the Commission to keep snares off of the public lands where many Montanans like to recreate. I've seen the hazard they create for people, pets and wildlife. And since snares are cheap, trappers may place thousands out on the landscape, neglecting to pick them up after the trapping season closes.

I also urge you to retain the limited quotas for wolves adjacent to our National Parks—millions of tourists spend money in Montana's gateway communities around the National Parks, hoping to catch a glimpse of a wolf, bear and other wildlife.

Please also continue to prohibit the use of bait and hunting at night - tactics long considered unsporting by traditional hunters.

The recovery of wolves in Montana is one of the great American wildlife conservation achievements, about which Montanans are proud to have played a key role. Let's keep it that way with a conservative and cautious approach to wolf management.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

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Livingston, Montana 59047

79. From: John Taylor
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 10:34:26 AM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

The 2021 Legislature went too far, passing extreme anti-wolf measures that are out of step with what most Montanans want. Wolf mortality is already at an all-time high—400 wolves died in 2019 (300 by hunting & trapping). Expanding seasons and adding new wolf killing measures is unnecessary and unwise.

Please keep snares off of the public lands where many Montanans like to recreate. They create a hazard for people, pets and wildlife. And since snares are cheap, trappers may place thousands out on the landscape, neglecting to pick them up after the trapping season closes.

Please retain the limited quotas for wolves adjacent to our National Parks—millions of tourists spend money in Montana's gateway communities around the National Parks, hoping to catch a glimpse of a wolf, bear and other wildlife.

Please also continue to prohibit the use of bait and hunting at night.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

John Taylor jthiker@msn.com 4305 S 7th St W
Missoula, Montana 59804

80. From: william clark
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 9:57:01 AM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

william clark william.m.clark56@gmail.com 618 Geary Gulch Road Anaconda, Montana 59711

81. From: Carole Jorgensen
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 9:34:01 AM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

Wolves are an essential part of our ecosystems. Data indicates that stable wolf packs help maintain predator numbers better than populations where wolf pack structure is disrupted by indiscriminate hunting or control. Wolves help reduce coyote populations, and help maintain healthy ecosystems of other species.

The recent attack on predators is inhumane and sets Montana back decades. Neck snares, hunting at night, attacking den sites is totally unacceptable as scientifically and humane wildlife management.

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Please also continue to prohibit the use of bait and hunting at night.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Carole Jorgensen buystuffcj@gmail.com 723 Parkway Drive
Kalispell, Montana 59901

82. From: BARBARA WALSH
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 9:03:33 AM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

BARBARA WALSH
bw42844@aol.com 128 South Ave E
Missoula, Montana 59801

83. From: Roger Sherman
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 9:02:56 AM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Roger Sherman Rlsherman614@gmail.com 280 Brimstone Dr
Whitefish, Montana 59937

84. From: Phil Williams
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 7:52:35 AM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

As a Bozeman resident and taxpayer, I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed state legislation.

The 2021 Legislature went too far, passing extreme anti-wolf measures that are out of step with what most Montanans want. Wolf mortality is already at an all-time high—400 wolves died in 2019 (300 by hunting & trapping). Expanding seasons and adding new wolf killing measures is unnecessary and unwise.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Phil Williams pfwms@juno.com 3001 Secor Ave
Bozeman, Montana 59715

85.

From: Richard Waide
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 7:52:31 AM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

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Please also continue to prohibit the use of bait and hunting at night.

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ISN'T IT TIME TO STOP KILLING GOD'S CREATURES LIKE WOLVES...WOLVES HAVE FAMILIES, MOTHERS, FATHERS, AUNTS AND UNCLES, BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND OFFSPRING...KILLING ONE MEMBER OF A FAMILY CAN CAUSE THE DEMISE OF ALL THE OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS...PLEASE STOP THIS BRUTAL KILLING!

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Richard Waide rhdblublu@msn.com 4029 Rifle Creek Trail Billings, Montana 59106

86. From: Laura LaHay
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 7:51:55 AM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Laura LaHay lauralahay@charter.net 1205 East Sebree St. Dillon, Montana 59725

87. From: Megan Thornton
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 6:59:04 AM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Megan Thornton meganmulcaire@gmail.com 307 West Villard Street Bozeman, Montana 59715

88. From: Dana Moyer
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 6:53:48 AM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide a comment.

Dana Moyer Txlady15@msn.com PO BOX 387
East Helena, Montana 59635

89. From: Rebecca Sanne
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 6:02:49 AM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Rebecca Sanne rsanne93@bresnan.net 2009 2nd Avenue Southwest Great Falls, Montana 59404

90. From: Tracy Garner
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 12:24:43 AM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

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West Glacier, Montana 59936

91. From: Gordon Moulton
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 10:48:10 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

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Hungry Horse, Montana 59919

92. From: Brian Blackman
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 10:43:12 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Brian Blackman wadesinthewater@gmail.com 2420 dirk drive #B
Missoula, Montana 59801

93. From: Laurie Townsend
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 10:39:56 PM

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Laurie Townsend fsusw74@yahoo.com 138 Birchwood Drive
Billings Mt, Montana 59102

94. From: Ailine Ostby
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 10:35:34 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Ailine Ostby ailinerodn@hotmail.com 841 S 26th St
Billings, Montana 59101

95. From: Robertus wortelboer
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 10:13:00 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

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Emigrant, Montana 59027

96. From: Kris Shaw
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 9:39:36 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Kris Shaw kjcshaw@gmail.com 220 3rd ave Ste 301
Havre, Montana 59501

97. From: Jenna Fallaw
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules

Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 9:37:05 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

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Bozeman, Montana 59715-5742

98. From: Richard Davis
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 9:22:36 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Richard Davis ddavis54.dd@gmail.com PO Box 91
Wise River, Montana 59762

99. From: ben schwartz
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 9:15:57 PM

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ben schwartz theschwartz.ben@gmail.com 313 4th ave west
columbia falls, Montana 59912

100. From: Larry Handsaker
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 9:10:03 PM

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Larry Handsaker larryhandsaker@gmail.com 918 Avenue C
Billings, Montana 59102

101. From: Ellyn Williams
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 8:57:17 PM

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Ellyn Williams ellynwilliams56@outlook.com 1015 1st Ave
Laurel, Montana 59044

102. From: Darlene Tussing
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife

Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 8:42:51 PM
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Darlene Tussing darlene.tussing@gmail.com 7 Aster Lane
Sheridan, Montana 59749

103. From: Chris Jackson
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 8:34:24 PM

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Chris Jackson laughing.horse@hotmail.com 619 PINE HOLLOW RD.
STEVENSVILLE, Montana 59870-6735

104. From: James Anderson
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 8:27:52 PM

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James Anderson jimconnie86@yahoo.com 3322 Clearwater drive Billings , Montana 59101

105. From: MARION GERRISH
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 8:26:01 PM

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MARION GERRISH

mgerrish295@gmail.com 857 1st ave east north kalispell, Montana 59901

106. From: Colleen Tuxbury-Tripp
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 8:22:33 PM
Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

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Missoula, Montana 59802

107. From: Tristan Sophia
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 8:07:46 PM

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Tristan Sophia tristan9593@gmail.com 3470 S. Hillcrest Dr Butte, Montana 59701

108. From: Caroline Bingham
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 8:00:33 PM

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Caroline Bingham crackle@icloud.com 37462 Kings Point Road Polson, Montana 59860

109. From: Steve Guettermann
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 7:43:56 PM

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Steve Guettermann migratoryanimal@gmail.com 25 East Story - Apt. West Bozeman, Montana 59715

110. From: John Feckanin
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
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Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 7:32:50 PM

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405 East Summit Street Livingston, Montana 59047

111. From: Karen Day
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 7:28:26 PM

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112. From: Shani Henry
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
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Please take the wise science based approach, avoid these extreme moves!

Shani Henry shanihenry1@gmail.com 4 pine ridge circle clancy, Montana 59634

113. From: Danelle Sletton
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 7:06:20 PM

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Anaconda, Montana 59711

114. From: Fred McGee
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 7:03:19 PM

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Fred McGee fgmcgee@msn.com Box 473
Red lodge, Montana 59068

115. From: Dan Struble
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 6:42:33 PM

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Dan Struble oxylus2019@gmail.com 703 Pleiades Pl
LIVINGSTON, Montana 59047

116. From: Carlida Finch
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 6:36:57 PM

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Carlida Finch Carlida@bresnan.net 1251 Foy's Lake Rd Kalispell , Montana 59901

117. From: Krystina Ward

To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 6:35:59 PM

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Nature and human activity is a delicate balancing act. I realize what it does to domestic livestock and the agricultural livelihoods of many, including some of my family extended members. However, some of us like to watch wild nature doing what nature and the ecosystem was originally designed to do. Let's keep a good balance. Snares, yes, could harm all who try to recreate. Maybe a rule about hunters having to pick up what they leave behind might be sound advice. What you pack in, you pack out. Krystina

Krystina Ward wardkrystina@yahoo.com
27901 Norris Road #76, Forest Park Mobile Home Court, 23, 23
Bozeman, Montana 59718

118. From: Gerry Stearns
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 6:31:11 PM

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Gerry Stearns gsmontana2@gmail.com PO Box 1355
Whitefish, Montana 59937

119. From: Natalie Adams
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 6:12:40 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

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Please also continue to prohibit the use of bait and hunting at night. Too often our domestic pets are killed by baiting. Its an inhuman action toward both wild and domestic animals.

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Natalie Adams mtnnat57@gmail.com 7 Hanging Tree Gulch Clancy, Montana 59634

120. From: Joel Vignere
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules

Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 5:43:45 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

The moronic wolf eradication measures passed by the recent Montana legislature are a prime example of why ignorant no-nothing politicians should keep their noses out of game management.

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Joel Vignere aba303@centurytel.net PO Box 194
Lakeside, Montana 59922

121. From: Cathleen Reese
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 5:41:59 PM

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Please consider every option before aggressively slaughtering wolves and their cubs. Wolf management can be like other countries, whose ranchers and farmers live in harmony with the wolves...learn from them perhaps.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment. Best Regards,
Cathleen Reese kiethdxonwarrior@gmail.com 150 Skeels Ave
Hamilton, Montana 59840

122. From: robert perhay
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 5:37:13 PM

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Please also continue to prohibit the use of bait and hunting at night.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

robert perhay rlp2west@yahoo.com 1321 West Platinum Street Butte, Montana 59701

123. From: Russell Thayer
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 5:34:28 PM

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

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Bozeman, Montana 59718

124. From: Colleen Hinds
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 5:11:48 PM

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Colleen Hinds colleenhinds@hotmail.com 10 Picadilly Lane

Heron, Montana 59844

125. From: Virginia Yates
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 5:08:02 PM

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Virginia Yates giny51@gmail.com 810A Stephens Av
Missoula, Montana 59801

126. From: Renelle Braaten
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
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Havre, Montana 59501

127. **From:** Jazmine Raymond
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 5:03:21 PM

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

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Missoula, Montana 59801

128. **From:** Sheila Garvin
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 4:55:16 PM

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Sheila Garvin sheilagarvin2@gmail.com 1009 S Black Ave Bozeman , Montana 59715

129. From: Darrell McDaniel
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 4:54:35 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

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Butte,, Montana 59701

130. From: Zachary Lukes
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 4:46:43 PM

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

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Missoula , Montana 59802

131. From: Dorothy Starshine
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 4:44:17 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation. I am concerned about the safety of many of the bills which allow traps or snares that might harm children and pets or even hunters.

Besides, we need wolves to kill the sick or weak animals. We can live with wolves better than we can with dangerous traps and snares.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Dorothy Starshine starshine1200@gmail.com 1200 32nd St. S. #23
Great Falls, MT, Montana 59405

132. From: Robert Bloyer
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 4:32:20 PM

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Robert Bloyer synapsez51@yahoo.com 27245 Black Wolf Trail Bigfork, Montana 59911-1526

133. From: alisa keyser
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 4:31:23 PM

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alisa keyser arkeyser@gmail.com 1621 Forest Meadow PI Billings, Montana 59102

134. From: Peggy Schmidt
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 4:31:08 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

The Legislature went overboard. It passed extreme anti-wolf measures that are not what most Montanans want. Too many wolves are already being killed.

First, keep snares off public lands where many Montanans hike with their dogs.

Second, keep the limited quotas for wolves near National Parks—tourists spend lots of money in gateway communities around the parks, hoping to see a wolf.

Third, please continue to ban the use of bait and hunting at night. Thank you for reading my comment.
Peggy Schmidt pschmidt1604@gmail.com 806 W Hallmark Lane Missoula, Montana 59801

135. From: Jannis Conselyea
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 4:20:04 PM

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Jannis Conselyea jconselyea@gmail.com 6070 Northslope Road
Helena, Montana 59602

136. From: Faith Conroy
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 4:16:22 PM

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Faith Conroy faithconroy@yahoo.com 1509 US Highway 287 N
Cameron, Montana 59720

137. From: nancy bromberg
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 3:26:02 PM

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nancy bromberg nanbrom@yahoo.com 1403 Westwood Circle West Islip, Montana 59714

138. From: Stephanie McDaniel-Gilman
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 3:23:26 PM

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Stephanie McDaniel-Gilman smcdanielgilman@gmail.com 2319 Hillview Court
Missoula, Montana 59803

139. From: Lynsey Griswold
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 3:16:50 PM

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1325 South 1st Street West, Apt 6 Missoula, Montana 59801-1753

140. From: rick kerr
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 3:16:03 PM

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P.O. Box 1276
Choteau, Montana 59422

141. From: Beverly Fox`
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 3:12:05 PM

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Helena, Montana 59601

142. From: Katherine Connelly
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 3:07:32 PM

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Katherine Connelly katie.e.connelly@gmail.com 317 Capdevilla
Lolo, Montana 59847

143. From: Jo Jones
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 3:07:09 PM

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Jo Jones jojones.co@gmail.com 4207 21st Ave
Missoula, Montana 59803-1226

144. From: Gary Brooks
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 2:58:54 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

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Gary Brooks gbrooksie81@gmail.com 2808 Queen Street
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145. From: Ralph Guay
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 2:46:26 PM

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Please also continue to prohibit the use of bait and hunting at night.

The recovery of wolves in Montana is one of the great American wildlife conservation achievements, about which Montanans are proud to have played a key role. Let's keep it that way with a conservative and cautious approach to wolf management.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Ralph Guay ssash3@gmail.com 429 So. Sanders St. Helena, Montana 59601

146. From: Gary Rillema
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 2:39:36 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

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Dillon, Montana 59725

147. From: Lara McRuer

To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 2:37:49 PM

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Lara McRuer lara4kachina@icloud.com 222 Little Bighorn Trl Kalispell, Montana 59901

148. From: kerry krebill
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 2:26:41 PM

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

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Clancy, Montana 59634

149. From: Tamar Sautter
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 2:20:03 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

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Great Falls , Montana 59405

150. From: Meghan Kilroy
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 2:18:42 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

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Billings, Montana 59102-5304

151. From: Linda Wallon Haynes
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 2:12:21 PM

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Linda Wallon Haynes lcwrtrct@hotmail.com 460 Mesa Dr
Bozeman, Montana 59718

152. From: Teresa Vore
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 2:11:06 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

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Helena, Montana 59601

153. From: Joan Daoust
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 2:11:02 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Joan Daoust jcdoust406@gmail.com 502 Madison Avenue
Helena, Montana 59601

154. From: Charles Bertsch
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 2:10:01 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Charles Bertsch cwbertsch@gmail.com 35679 Memory Ln
Polson, Montana 59860

155. From: debbie rathbun
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 2:04:58 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

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156. From: Emma Meeker
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 1:58:59 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Emma Meeker emmameeker@gmail.com 302 S Yellowstone Ave Bozeman, Montana 59718

157. From: Russ Saffian
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 1:53:47 PM

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Russ Saffian russ.saffian@gmail.com 14137 Pine St.
Bigfork, Montana 59911

158. From: Kevin Clark
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 1:52:24 PM

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Kevin Clark kevinclark.atx@gmail.com 2224 8th Ave S
Great Falls, Montana 59405

159. From: Jason Varnado
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 1:48:53 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

The 2021 Legislature went way too far, passing extreme anti-wolf measures that are out of step with what the majority of Montanans want. Wolf mortality is already at an all-time high— 400 wolves died in 2019 (300 by hunting & trapping). Expanding seasons and adding new wolf killing measures is unnecessary and unwise - it destabilizes the biosphere and will cost our state tourist dollars.

Please keep snares off of the public lands where many Montanans like to recreate. They create a hazard for people, pets and wildlife. And since snares are cheap, trappers may place thousands out on the landscape, neglecting to pick them up after the trapping season closes - this is more than anecdotal - I have come across dozens and my mom's dog was stuck in one - fortunately I was able to extract her with quick thinking. (Trapping is just CRUEL anyway...)

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Helena, Montana 59601

160. From: Joe Loos
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 1:48:43 PM

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Joe Loos joeloos7245@gmail.com 7245 New Castle Dr Missoula, Montana 59802

161. From: Jennifer Walworth
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 1:39:43 PM

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Jennifer Walworth jwalworth@mcsmt.org 501 Woodworth Ave.
Missoula, Montana 59801

162. From: Joe Wiltzen
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 1:36:33 PM

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

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Manhattan, MT, Montana 59741

163. From: Robert Kaiser
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 1:33:44 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

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Whitefish, Montana 59937

164. From: john moffatt
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 1:32:34 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment. I urge you to take action to stop what will be a wholesale slaughter of wolves.

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Missoula, Montana 59808

165. From: Penelope Fedro
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 1:32:31 PM

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Penelope Fedro penefedro@gmail.com 1201 Highland Blvd
Bozeman, Montana 59715

166. From: Melissa Ronan
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 1:29:19 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Keeping healthy and strong populations of predators is critical for natural balance. Humans cannot provide balance, we counter it always. Let the wolf balance itself and the environment in which they live. We caused their extinction, we caused their reintroduction. We owe it to them to let them balance themselves now.

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Citrus Heights, California 95621

167. From: Rich Kirchner
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 1:28:29 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

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Rich Kirchner rkirch67@aol.com 10 Bronco Drive
Bozeman, Montana 59718

168. From: Mary Sedwick
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules

Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 1:27:56 PM

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Ennis, Montana 59729

169. From: Deborah Hayes
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
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Missoula, Montana 59803

170. From: Kendra DeLoof
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 1:19:21 PM

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171. From: GRETCHEN GRAYUM
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 1:18:02 PM

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GRETCHEN GRAYUM

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Helena, Montana 59601

172. From: Julie Eliason
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 1:16:14 PM

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Glendive, Montana 59330

173. From: Daniel Breen

To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 1:14:26 PM

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Butte, Montana 59702

174. From: Kelly Baraby
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
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Jefferson city, Montana 59638

175. From: Timothy Heeg
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 1:13:59 PM

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Billings , Montana 59105

176. From: Holly Hill
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 1:12:17 PM

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177. From: L Grayum
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 1:12:12 PM

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178. From: Kevin Boileau
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 1:11:23 PM

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179. From: Catherine Olsen
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
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Columbia Falls, Montana 59912

180. From: Yvette Goodlander
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
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Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 1:10:18 PM

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Bigfork, Montana 59911

181. From: Barbara Bartell
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 1:04:04 PM

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Having a dog caught in a trap, and the dog lost a leg, I am against traps! And any inhumane forms of killing animals.

Barbara Bartell chr2760@hotmail.com 36834 Olsen Rd.
Charlo, Montana 59824

182. From: Marlene Miller
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 1:03:06 PM

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Butte, Montana 59701

183. From: Carmen Sebastian
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 1:02:36 PM

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Carmen Sebastian keel.sebastian@gmail.com 12820 mill creek rd
Lolo, Montana 59847

184. From: Dan Sullivan
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
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185. From: Tonya Geraghty
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
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Tonya Geraghty tonyageraghty@gmail.com 1550 Water Line Rd
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186. From: Sandra kempa
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
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black eagle, Montana 59414

187. From: Lisa Mueller
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
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Bozeman, Montana 59771

188. From: Estela Moreno-Bosketti
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
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189. From: Martha Lauterbach
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
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The recovery of wolves in Montana is one of the great American wildlife conservation achievements, about which Montanans are proud to have played a key role. Let’s keep it that way with a conservative and cautious approach to wolf management.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Martha Lauterbach mal598@hotmail.com 646 lauterbach dr Alberton , Montana 59820

190. From: J.S. Butter
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 12:52:46 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

The 2021 Legislature went too far, passing extreme anti-wolf measures that are out of step with what most Montanans want. Wolf mortality is already at an all-time high—400 wolves died in 2019 (300 by hunting & trapping). Expanding seasons and adding new wolf killing measures is unnecessary and unwise.

Please keep snares off of the public lands where many Montanans like to recreate. They create a hazard for people, pets and wildlife. And since snares are cheap, trappers may place thousands out on the landscape, neglecting to pick them up after the trapping season closes.

Please retain the limited quotas for wolves adjacent to our National Parks—millions of tourists spend money in Montana’s gateway communities around the National Parks, hoping to catch a glimpse of a wolf, bear and other wildlife.

Please also continue to prohibit the use of bait and hunting at night.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Live trapping is a cruel way to capture any animal! Your priorities are not the way to manage wildlife!

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191. From: Sherrie Kimball
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 12:52:39 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

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Please keep snares off of the public lands where many Montanans like to recreate. They create a hazard for people, pets and wildlife. And since snares are cheap, trappers may place thousands out on the landscape, neglecting to pick them up after the trapping season closes.

It is imperative that your office retain the limited quotas for wolves adjacent to our National Parks—millions of tourists spend money in Montana's gateway communities around the National Parks, hoping to catch a glimpse of a wolf, bear and other wildlife.

Please also continue to prohibit the use of bait and hunting at night.

The recovery of wolves in Montana is one of the great American wildlife conservation achievements, about which Montanans are proud to have played a key role. Let's keep it that way with a conservative and cautious approach to wolf management.
Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Sherrie Kimball sherbear.490@gmail.com 14845 Mt Hwy 83
Bigfork, Montana 59911

192. From: Mel Mooers
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 12:52:35 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

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Please keep snares off of the public lands where many Montanans like to recreate. They create a hazard for people, pets and wildlife. And since snares are cheap, trappers may place thousands out on the landscape, neglecting to pick them up after the trapping season closes.

Please retain the limited quotas for wolves adjacent to our National Parks—millions of tourists spend money in Montana’s gateway communities around the National Parks, hoping to catch a glimpse of a wolf, bear and other wildlife.

Please also continue to prohibit the use of bait and hunting at night.

The recovery of wolves in Montana is one of the great American wildlife conservation achievements, about which Montanans are proud to have played a key role. Let’s keep it that way with a conservative and cautious approach to wolf management.
Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

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VICTOR, Montana 59875-9740

193. From: Helena Kazandjian
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 12:51:29 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

The 2021 Legislature went too far, passing extreme anti-wolf measures that are out of step with what most Montanans want. Wolf mortality is already at an all-time high—400 wolves died in 2019 (300 by hunting & trapping). Expanding seasons and adding new wolf killing measures is unnecessary and unwise.

Please keep snares off of the public lands where many Montanans like to recreate. They create a hazard for people, pets and wildlife. And since snares are cheap, trappers may place thousands out on the landscape, neglecting to pick them up after the trapping season closes.

Please retain the limited quotas for wolves adjacent to our National Parks—millions of tourists spend money in Montana’s gateway communities around the National Parks, hoping to catch a glimpse of a wolf, bear and other wildlife.

Please also continue to prohibit the use of bait and hunting at night.

The recovery of wolves in Montana is one of the great American wildlife conservation achievements, about which Montanans are proud to have played a key role. Let’s keep it that way with a conservative and cautious approach to wolf management.
Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Helena Kazandjian helenas4k9s@gmail.com 66 Taurus Rd
Emigrant , Montana 59027

194. From: Jennifer Nitz
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 12:49:17 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

The 2021 Legislature passed extreme anti-wolf measures that are counter to what most Montanans want. Wolf mortality is at an all-time high—400 wolves died in 2019 (300 by hunting & trapping). Expanding seasons and adding new wolf killing measures is unnecessary and dangerous.

Keep snares off of the public lands where many Montanans recreate. They create a hazard for people, pets and wildlife. Snares are cheap, so trappers may place thousands out on the landscape, neglecting to pick them up after the trapping season closes, causing injury and death to countless victims.

Retain the limited quotas for wolves adjacent to our National Parks Millions of tourists spend money in Montana's gateway communities around the National Parks, hoping to catch a glimpse of a wolf, bear and other wildlife.

Continue to prohibit the use of bait and hunting at night. Baiting and night hunting are unethical and dangerous

The recovery of wolves in Montana is one of the great American wildlife conservation achievements, about which Montanans are proud to have played a key role. Create a conservative and cautious approach to wolf management.

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Missoula, Montana 59802

195. From: Joseph Thompson
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 12:47:08 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

The 2021 Legislature went too far, passing extreme anti-wolf measures that are out of step with what most Montanans want. Wolf mortality is already at an all-time high—400 wolves died in 2019 (300 by hunting & trapping). Expanding seasons and adding new wolf killing measures is unnecessary and unwise.

Please keep snares off of the public lands where many Montanans like to recreate. They create a hazard for people, pets and wildlife. And since snares are cheap, trappers may place thousands out on the landscape, neglecting to pick them up after the trapping season closes.

Please retain the limited quotas for wolves adjacent to our National Parks—millions of tourists spend money in Montana's gateway communities around the National Parks, hoping to catch a glimpse of a wolf, bear and other wildlife.

Please also continue to prohibit the use of bait and hunting at night.

The recovery of wolves in Montana is one of the great American wildlife conservation achievements, about which Montanans are proud to have played a key role. Let's keep it that way with a conservative and cautious approach to wolf management.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Joseph Thompson jtsculpt2@gmail.com pobox212, 754 honey house rd Corvallis, Montana 59828

196. From: marta cramer
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 12:45:46 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

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Please retain the limited quotas for wolves adjacent to our National Parks—millions of tourists spend money in Montana's gateway communities around the National Parks, hoping to catch a glimpse of a wolf, bear and other wildlife.

Please also continue to prohibit the use of bait and hunting at night.

The recovery of wolves in Montana is one of the great American wildlife conservation achievements, about which Montanans are proud to have played a key role. Let's keep it that way with a conservative and cautious approach to wolf management.
Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

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billings, Montana 59102

197. From: Kasey Welles
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 12:45:12 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

Recent proposed "hunting" changes to wolf hunt regulations are more clearly aimed and extermination of the species from the state. Snares, night hunting, and baiting do not adhere to the tenets of fair chase ethics and are an affront to the advanced Montana tradition of respecting wildlife.

The 2021 Legislature went too far, passing extreme anti-wolf measures that are out of step with what most Montanans want. These regulations are geared towards satisfying interests group rather than managing wildlife. Wolf mortality is already at an all-time high—400 wolves died in 2019 (300 by hunting & trapping). Expanding seasons and adding new wolf killing measures is unnecessary and unwise.

Please keep snares off of the public lands where many Montanans like to recreate. They create a hazard for people, pets and wildlife. And since snares are cheap, trappers may place thousands out on the landscape, neglecting to pick them up after the trapping season closes.

Please retain the limited quotas for wolves adjacent to our National Parks—millions of tourists spend money in Montana’s gateway communities around the National Parks, hoping to catch a glimpse of a wolf, bear and other wildlife.

Please also continue to prohibit the use of bait and hunting at night.

The recovery of wolves in Montana is one of the great American wildlife conservation achievements, about which Montanans are proud to have played a key role. Let’s keep it that way with a conservative and cautious approach to wolf management.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Kasey Welles kasey.welles@gmail.com 1395 Crabapple Drive Bozeman , Montana 59715

198. From: Maureen Edwards
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 12:44:01 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

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Please also continue to prohibit the use of bait and hunting at night.

The recovery of wolves in Montana is one of the great American wildlife conservation achievements, about which Montanans are proud to have played a key role. Let’s keep it that way with a conservative and cautious approach to wolf management.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Maureen Edwards foranimalsalways@gmail.com 39449 Abel Lane
Polson, Montana 59860

199. From: Mary Wulff
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 12:41:40 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

The 2021 Legislature went too far, passing extreme anti-wolf measures that are out of step with what most Montanans want. Wolf mortality is already at an all-time high—400 wolves died in 2019 (300 by hunting & trapping). Expanding seasons and adding new wolf killing measures is unnecessary and unwise.

Please keep snares off of the public lands where many Montanans like to recreate. They create a hazard for people, pets and wildlife. And since snares are cheap, trappers may place thousands out on the landscape, neglecting to pick them up after the trapping season closes.

Please retain the limited quotas for wolves adjacent to our National Parks—millions of tourists spend money in Montana's gateway communities around the National Parks, hoping to catch a glimpse of a wolf, bear and other wildlife.

Please also continue to prohibit the use of bait and hunting at night.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Mary Wulff cedarorion@yahoo.com 219 Grantsdale Cutoff Road Hamilton , Montana 59840

200. From: John Sinclair
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 12:40:07 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

John Sinclair sraider1956@gmail.com 905 Center St
Havre, Montana 59501

201. From: Lynn Arney
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 12:39:37 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

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Absarokee, Montana 59001-0855

202. From: Julia Shaida
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 12:38:40 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing about the proposed rules for managing wolves.

I am opposed to the extreme anti-wolf measures recently passed by the Montana legislature. I understand that wolf mortality is high—400 wolves died in 2019 (300 by hunting & trapping). Expanding seasons and adding new wolf killing measures is unnecessary and unwise.

Please keep snares off of the public lands where many Montanans like to recreate.
Please retain the limited quotas for wolves adjacent to our National Parks—millions of tourists spend money in Montana’s gateway communities around the National Parks, hoping to catch a glimpse of a wolf, bear and other wildlife.

Please also continue to prohibit the use of bait and hunting at night.

I urge you to adopt a conservative approach to managing our wildlife, including our predators, who are an important part of the ecosystem.

Julia Shaida juliashaida1@gmail.com 621 North Bozeman Avenue Bozeman, Montana 59715

203. From: Jeannette Vieg
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 12:38:27 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Jeannette Vieg jeannettev60@hotmail.com 525 Gay Pl
Billings, Montana 59102

204. From: Tona Piazzola
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 12:38:08 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

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Dillon, Montana 59725

205. From: Lorraine Rowe-Conlan
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 12:37:33 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Lorraine Rowe-Conlan roweconlanl@yahoo.com 1405 S 7th Street W Missoula, Montana 59801

206. From: Debbie Mallard
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 12:37:04 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Debbie Mallard debbiemallard90@gmail.com 1515 Ridge
Laurel , Montana 59044

207. From: Kathryn Bailey
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 12:35:22 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

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Please also continue to prohibit the use of bait and hunting at night.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

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Billings , Montana 59106-2634

208. From: Matthew Koehler
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 12:35:05 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

As a Montana resident and elk and deer hunter, I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

The 2021 Legislature went too far, passing extreme anti-wolf measures that are out of step with what most Montanans want. Wolf mortality is already at an all-time high—400 wolves died in 2019 (300 by hunting & trapping). Expanding seasons and adding new wolf killing measures is unnecessary and unwise.

Please keep snares off of the public lands where many Montanans like to recreate. They create a hazard for people, pets and wildlife. And since snares are cheap, trappers may place thousands out on the landscape, neglecting to pick them up after the trapping season closes.

Please retain the limited quotas for wolves adjacent to our National Parks—millions of tourists spend money in Montana’s gateway communities around the National Parks, hoping to catch a glimpse of a wolf, bear and other wildlife.

Please also continue to prohibit the use of bait and hunting at night.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Matthew Koehler koehler@wildrockies.org 1125 Jackson St
Missoula, Montana 59802

209. From: Brian Myers
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 12:33:44 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Brian Myers segfault.generator@gmail.com 242 Kensington
Missoula, Montana 59801

210. From: Rush & Cathey Hardin
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 12:33:19 PM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

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Ennis, Montana 59729

211. From: Charlene Owens
To: FWP Commission; FWP Wildlife
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021 Wolf Season—Proposed Rules
Date: Thursday, July 8, 2021 9:04:05 AM

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for managing wolves under recently-passed legislation.

The 2021 Legislature went too far, passing extreme anti-wolf measures that are out of step with what most Montanans want. Wolf mortality is already at an all-time high—400 wolves died in 2019 (300 by hunting & trapping). Expanding seasons and adding new wolf killing measures is unnecessary and unwise.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Charlene Owens charlene.owens@gmail.com 79 DOGWOOD DR
BOZEMAN, Montana 59718

212. From: Elizabeth Hoag
To: FWP Commission
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Current wolf proposal/public comments
Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 4:57:32 AM

Dear MtFWP Commission,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments and working on behalf of Montanas wildlife. Montana, the Treasure State has an admirable history of effective state controlled wolf management based on science and collaboration with various stakeholders. Sadly, due to recent non scientific based anti wolf legislation, this has changed.

I am writing to strongly oppose the current wolf proposals for the following reasons:

The proposed hunting practices including, but not limited to- killing pregnant mothers, night hunting, snaring, and denning are not ethical. Further they contradict the notion of fair chase. They give hunters a bad name- everywhere. And with dwindling hunter numbers this is something that we can not afford.

Cattle depavation is low and compensated for 3:1. Further, the amount of livestock killed is I beleive less than 1%. Most of the deaths are due to weather or natural causes.

The elk population is over objective in most areas. Wolves actually help the elk population by culling the sick ones-effectively controlling chronic wasting sickness. Perhaps, access to elk is the issue. When my father was hunting, he was happy to have long hours to stalk. He considered it an honor and a priveledge to "work hard" to bring home food for his family. Now, Montana Ouufitters and Guides want quick kills to make money for out of state hunters.

Wolves bring money to Montana- millions of dollars People come from all over the world to see wolves. They will stop coming or even boycott Montana causing economic hardship to local buisnesses and families.

Commercialization of killing wolves violates the Wilderness Act.

If Mt FWP does not act to manage wolves in an ethical way and continues to pander to special interest groups like livestock producers and Montana Outfitters and Guides by supporting these extreme killing proposals the Dept of the Interior will take control of wolf management.

Thank you and have a good and safe summer. Best,
Elizabeth

213. From: Peter Guynn
To: FWP Commission
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FWP Wolf Hunting Rules
Date: Saturday, July 3, 2021 8:31:36 PM

Dear Montana Wildlife Commissioners

We have been in the Swan Valley for over 35 years in which time we have enjoyed observing much wildlife variety, and have seen grizzlies come back more so and have seen the Wolf come and now almost gone.

I was able to make verbal comments at the first virtual meeting (June27) in which I called predator control and the use of especially snares the war on wildlife in general. Snares and wolf traps will kill an indiscriminate number of other species and only a fool would believe they would be reported. Elimination of predators will only facilitate decay of our ungulate population, chronic wasting disease being a prime example where the Wolf can pick out the affected animals (below the threshold of human detection) which are carrying the disease to others and literally infecting the landscape as well. I used the example of what has happened to the deer population in parts of Wisconsin. All wildlife will be adversely impacted by these rules similarly in Montana.

The single voice I heard in support of these rules was I believe a pejorative state rep P Fielder who seemed to be trying to intimidate the wildlife commissioners into taking up fully the most extreme measures as a Mandate by the legislature and even going so far as to suggest a snare Mandate applies to private land! This tyrannical talk for me casts deep suspicion that the goal is to wipe out the Wolf far beyond the limits imposed by the ESA quickly before anything can be done to reverse it. I am writing this basically as a response to how this man acted and what he said which I could not respond properly in my verbal speech.

Please act responsibly and do not allow intimidation to rule. Just think about how the majority of people will feel seeing vehicle after vehicle parked along

County roads setting traps for what you have grown to love for 35 years. Thank you

Peter C Guynn
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214. From: Joseph Scalia III
To: FWP Commission
Subject: [EXTERNAL] On the gray wolf
Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 12:24:14 PM

Dear Commission Members,

I am going to propose a reflection for you on the need for us to evolve as humanity. Our domination of nature ways, which the arrogant "management of wildlife" committed by Republicans and Democrats alike is but one manifestation of, must give way. As a start, the gray wolf must be restored to its place on the Endangered Species Act and stop all trapping and killing of this magnificent animal who deserves our respect as much as any human does. This is about more than science. It is also about what is the human going to be as we continue on this planet. Can we develop a sense of all life and everything that sustains life as fellow Terrestrials, as historical and cultural anthropologist Bruno Latour puts it? Can we extricate ourselves from the condition of Aldo Leopold's "trophy-recreationist (who) has peculiarities that contribute in subtle ways to his own undoing. To enjoy he must possess, invade, appropriate... (Instead, we must build) receptivity into the still unlovely human mind."

Here is a brief description of the wolf by Barry Lopez: "Wolves vary their hunting techniques, share food with the old who do not hunt, and give gifts to each other. They can live for a week without food and travel twenty miles without breaking stride. [L]ike primates they spend a

good part of their time with their young and playing with each other. I once saw a wolf on the tundra winging a piece of caribou hide around like a Frisbee for an hour by himself. You can

look at a gray wolf standing in the snow in winter twilight and not see him at all. You may think I'm pulling your leg - I'm not. Sometimes even the Eskimos can't see them, which causes the Eskimos to smile."

Can we not do the mature thing and put a halt to our ego-inflating and narcissism-driven depictions of the wolf, and stop this violent and selfish use of a hauntingly noble figure? Can men in this instance grow beyond an adolescent machismo and express their masculinity in courageous and creative ways? While I expect that those supporting the new legislated rules on wolf trapping and killing will be unreceptive to the above message, I want to at least place the message into your minds, and hope to trouble your certainty, and perhaps your dream

life as well, as you support or engage in brutality to our fellow Terrestrial, the inspirational gray wolf.

In Terrestrial fellowship, Joseph Scalia III

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215. From: Steve Stieler
To: FWP Commission
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment for Wolf Season Bills HB 224, HB 225 and SB 314
Date: Thursday, July 1, 2021 8:20:23 PM

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks and Commissioner Pat Byorth,

My name is Steve Stieler and I live in Townsend, MT. Thank you for taking the time to read this and allow for public comment on issues that have been remarkable and overwhelming by an incredibly tough legislative session. Although I disagree with most of the bills passed or brought to our attention, I have been pleased with the reaction by FWP to use science and good management practices to manage our

wolves. Although I believe snares are not a place we need to go for the use on wolves, because I have dogs that recreate in the wilderness with me and their safety is a priority, I do believe we need an extended season or allowing the take during the current seasons of 3-5 wolves per hunter. I don't believe we need a bounty on the species, that got us into trouble in the past as well as baiting wolves. I'm disappointed with the bear bill involving the use of hounds because I don't believe it is fair chase and I don't agree with the baiting of our predators either. I also do not believe we need to hunt them at night. We have very generous wolf seasons for trapping and hunting. I agree with the practice of evaluating reported wolf harvests and monitoring them closely like our lion seasons. I believe we have a good wolf management plan in place but there are always management practices that can be refined and improved for the better of our predators and ungulates.

Thank you for considering my response, Sincerely,
Steve Stieler

216. From: John Wozniak
To: FWP Commission
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Wolf season
Date: Saturday, July 3, 2021 7:31:42 AM

I think that the state of Montana should provide me the opportunity to hunt wolves in a fair chase manner. I feel the state is doing that with the present regulations. It is not necessary to expand the existing seasons and methods.

Sincerely
John L Wozniak

217. From: woodsongdesigns@bresnan.net
To: FWP Commission
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Wolf Slaughter comments
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 8:05:39 AM

What is the deadline for turning in comments? The information on that has been confusing. Thank you.
Gretchen Grayum

218. From: PCF <paulfielder@blackfoot.net <mailto:paulfielder@blackfoot.net> >
Date: Tue, Jun 22, 2021, 2:17 PM
Subject: Legislative Intent vs FWP wolf recommendations for June 24 Commish meeting
To: <FWPDistrict4@gmail.com <mailto:FWPDistrict4@gmail.com> >

Hello FWP Commission Chairman Robinson,

I am concerned that many of the recommendations from some FWP staff regarding the wolf portion of the Commission June 24th agenda do not meet the legislative intent of HB224, HB225, and SB 314.

The Commission meeting info says that testimony will be limited to 2-minutes.

As sponsor of HB224 and 225 and knowing Senator Brown's SB314 very well – I want to offer some detailed comments for your consideration with respect to legislative intent of those bills.

I have talked with Director Worsech and Governor Gianforte about my concerns but I do not know what the final version of FWP recommendations will look like as a result of those conversation and I want you to understand my concerns.

My concerns and comments are attached. I have also attached the 17-page background info document (prepared by FWP staff) related to the wolf portion of the agenda and the Montana Wolf Mgt Plan which I reference. {included below}

June 22, 2021

To Commissioner Pat Tabor
From Representative Paul C Fielder, HD-13 – Thompson Falls

RE: June 24, 2021 FWP Commission agenda topic – Wolf Season Proposed vs Legislative Intent

I am concerned that proposals being offered by FWP staff regarding the “Wolf Season Proposed” portion of the June 24th Commission meeting agenda do not all meet the “legislative intent” of HB 224 and HB224 (which I sponsored) and SB314 (which my Senator Bob Brown) sponsored. I have shared my concerns with FWP legislative liaison staff, Director Hank Worsech, and Governor Gianforte but I want you to also hear my detailed concerns complying with legislative intent.

The legislative intent of HB224, HB225 and SB314 was to reduce the wolf population, with the wildlife management tools provided within those bills, where wolves are overabundant (i.e., Regions 1, 2 and 3 in western Montana. Legislative intent includes the written text of the legislation as well as testimony given during the legislative hearings on the bill. During hearings on these 3 bills, the sponsors specifically referred to the need to reduce wolf numbers in western Montana and made no distinction between public and private lands.

FWP staff has prepared a 17-page informational document for you regarding this agenda topic. The last paragraph on page 14 of that document summarizes that 90% of the wolves in Montana (165 packs and 1,015) wolves) are within Regions 1, 2, and 3 in western Montana. I will speak directly to Table 1 on pages 4 and 5 of that document (especially the footnotes at the bottom of the table). I believe that many of the options proposed by FWP staff in that table (and footnotes to the table) fail to meet legislative intent. When I first saw Table 1 and its footnotes, I thought it must have been prepared by an attorney for an animal rights group. **The 4th footnote is a deeply hidden attempt to circumvent legislative intent.**

1. SB314 clearly called for harvest of an unlimited number of wolves by the holder of a single wolf hunting or wolf trapping license. Anything less than that fails to meet the legislative intent of SB314.
2. SB314, in calling for an unlimited of wolves to be harvested by properly licensed individuals, raised the individual bag limit for wolf harvest from 5 to an unlimited number. Keeping Region 3 at a limit of 5 wolves per individual or not increasing the bag limit above 5 wolves per individual conflicts with legislative intent of SB314. This last season, only 6 individuals harvested the present allowable bag limit of 5 wolves. SB314 allows the few very good wolf hunters and trappers to be a more valuable management tools in reducing wolf numbers.
3. HB225 allows an increase of the wolf trapping season so it would run from the first Monday after Thanksgiving until March 15 (an increase of about 30 days, depending on the year). The Table 1 “Limited New Tools” option of not changing the wolf trapping season completely ignores legislative intent. The other 2 options (and the 4th footnote to Table 1) fail to meet legislative intent because these options and the footnote exclude Regions 1, 2 and 3 where 90% of the wolves occur. We do not need to reduce wolf numbers in eastern Montana and along the North and South Dakota borders! Excluding Regions 1, 2 and 3 from the extended wolf trapping seasons in a major violation of the legislative intent of HB225.
4. HB224 allows for the snaring of wolves by licensed trappers during trapping season. There was never any legislative intent to limit wolf snaring to private lands during the trapping season. In 2016, Ballot Initiative I-177 was presented to the voters which would have prohibited the use of traps and snares on public lands. I-177 was voted down by 63% of the voters in Montana and failed to gain a majority of the votes in 55 of the 56 counties in Montana. Clearly, Montana voters supported the use of traps and snares on public lands in

Montana. For FWP staff to propose to the Commission that the results of HB224 be excluded from public lands clearly circumvents and violates the legislative intent of HB224 and the citizen's response against I-177.

5. SB314 allows night hunting of wolves on private lands in Montana. Excluding wolf management units 313 and 316 is outside the legislative intent of SB314. Only the Table 1 "Maximum New Tools" option for Night Hunting meets the legislative intent of SB314.
6. SB314 allows the use of bait while hunting and trapping wolves during the wolf trapping season. Any recommended options that do not implement this baiting portion of SB314 or to exclude public lands or wolf management units 331 or 316 from the baiting portion of SB314 is outside the legislative intent.

Montana had a January 2021 estimated wolf population of 1,156 wolves, including about 190 packs of wolves. The Montana Wolf Management Plan calls for a minimum of 150 wolves and 15 breeding pairs. Because only about 27% of wolf packs have a breeding pair, the 15 breeding pair requirement of the Montana Wolf Management Plan necessitates a need for approximately 282 wolves. Montana's present wolf population is four times greater than what is required by the management plan. Thus, legislators in western Montana successfully brought legislation to reduce the Montana wolf population so that it will be closer to the requirement of the Montana Wolf Management Plan.

During the 2021 legislative session, HB224, HB225, and SB314 were thoroughly vetted during legislative committee hearings and floor sessions. Proponents and opponents to these legislative bills provided hours of testimony for or against these bills and the bills were passed by a majority of the legislators and signed into law the Governor Gianforte. At the June 24th FWP Commission hearing, proponents will again testify for or against the FWP proposals to implement these bills. Those arguments have already been addressed during the legislative process and proponents and opponents have already "had their day in court". It remains for the FWP Commission to implement the laws that have been passed so that the "legislative intent" of those laws is complied with.

Respectfully,
Representative Paul C Fielder, HD-23
Thompson Falls

Montana's Wolf Population Goal: Montana has not set a wolf population goal, but rather has objectives for wolf management that have been endorsed by the commission. Those objectives include:

- *Maintain a viable and connected wolf population.*
- *Gain and maintain authority for State of Montana to manage wolves.*
- *Maintain positive and effective working relationships with livestock producers, hunters, and other stakeholders.*
- *Reduce wolf impacts on livestock.*
- *Reduce wolf impacts on big game populations.*
- *Maintain sustainable hunter opportunity for wolves.*
- *Maintain sustainable hunter opportunity for ungulates.*
- *Increase broad public acceptance of sustainable harvest and hunter opportunity as part of wolf conservation.*
- *Enhance open and effective communication to better inform decisions.*
- *Learn and improve as we go.*

What is the minimum number of wolves that would trigger FWP corrective action to keep them from becoming considered for ESA again? Montana's Wolf Management Plan calls for maintaining a minimum population of 15 breeding pairs and 150 wolves. Given that historical information indicates 27% of packs meet the breeding pair definition, and pack size in 2019 averaged 5.08 wolves, the population should not fall below 56 packs, which equals a numerical estimate of 282 wolves. That being said, FWP does not control criteria by which the US Fish and Wildlife Service would consider a petition for listing under the

Endangered Species Act.

This is taken directly from the 2009 federal register document to delist NRM wolves:

*“The numerical component of the recovery goal represents the minimum number of breeding pairs and individual wolves needed to achieve and maintain recovery. To ensure that the NRM wolf population always exceeds the recovery goal of 30 breeding pairs and 300 wolves, wolves in each State shall be managed for at least 15 breeding pairs and at least 150 wolves in mid-winter. This and other steps, including human assisted migration management if required (discussed below), will maintain the NRM DPS’s current metapopulation structure. Further buffering our minimum recovery goal is the fact that Service data since 1986 indicate that, within the NRM DPS, each breeding pair has corresponded to 14 wolves in the overall NRM wolf population in mid-winter (including many wolves that travel outside these recognized breeding pairs) (Service et al. 2008, Table 4). Thus, managing for 15 breeding pairs per State will result in substantially more than 150 wolves in each State (>600 in the NRM). [Additional Note Added – 15 BP * 14 wolves/BP = 210 wolves per state] Additionally, because the recovery goal components are measured in mid-winter when the wolf population is near its annual low point, the average annual wolf population will be much higher than these minimal goals. We further improved, provided additional safety margins, and assured that the minimum recovery criteria would always be exceeded in our 2009 post-delisting monitoring plan. Three scenarios could lead us to initiate a status review and analysis of threats to determine if relisting is warranted including: (1) If the wolf population for any one State falls below the minimum NRM wolf population recovery level of 10 breeding pairs of wolves and 100 wolves in either Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming at the end of the year; (2) if the portion of the wolf population in Montana, Idaho, or Wyoming falls below 15 breeding pairs or 150 wolves at the end of the year in any one of those States for 3 consecutive years; or (3) if a change in State law or management objectives would significantly increase the threat to the wolf population.”*

Table 1. Wolf population counts and harvest statistics.

Year	Min Count	POM*	iPOM**	Hunt harvest	Trap Harvest	Total Harvest	WS Removals	Producer Removals
1998	49							
1999	73							
2000	92							
2001	125							
2002	183							
2003	182							
2004	153							
2005	256						26	9
2006	316						50	4
2007	422	629	650				64	11
2008	497	706	845				106	7
2009	524	854	1023	75	0	75	106	14
2010	566	873	1145	.	.	.	122	17
2011	653	983	1254	166	0	166	57	7
2012	625	928	1203	128	97	225	104	4
2013	627	1106	1210	143	87	230	67	8
2014	554	915	1132	130	76	206	57	7
2015	536	999	1189	133	76	209	35	16
2016	477	831	1126	163	83	246	49	12
2017	633	871	1113	167	88	255	42	15
2018	.	833	1150	164	130	294	43	17
2019	.	833	1156	163	130	293	56	17
2020	.							

*FWP began estimating wolf population size via the Patch Occupancy Model (POM) beginning in 2013 and adopted POM as the primary tool for population estimation in 2018. Prior to 2018, the primary tool for reporting wolf population numbers was the minimum number of wolves physically counted (Min Count).

** The improved Patch Occupancy Model (iPOM) was completed in January 2021 after 4 years of development that included work by two PhD students at the University of Montana.

**MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS
HUNTING SEASON-QUOTA CHANGE SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

**Species: Wolf Region:
Statewide Hunting
District: All Year: 2021**

1. Describe the proposed season / quotas changes and provide a summary of prior history (i.e., prior history of permits, season types, etc.).

Background

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks is scheduled to propose this 2021 wolf season to the Fish and Wildlife (FW) commission at their June 24 meeting. The proposal includes a range of options (Table 1). These options, to varying degrees, incorporate legislation from the 2021 legislature. The commission adoptions from June 24 will move to public review and comment, with final commission action taking place at the commission's August meeting.

In addition to other legislative inputs, SB 314 directs the commission to reduce the wolf population, but not less than the number of wolves necessary to support at least 15 breeding pairs. FWP does not interpret this statutory language to require the population be reduced to the minimum number of wolves necessary to

support only 15 breeding pairs. Indeed, at population numbers near to 15 breeding pairs the flexibility to address conflicts and provide harvest opportunities would become severely restricted. The additional legislative options for wolf management (creating new or emphasizing existing commission authority) are listed below.

- allow the take of the bag limit with a single wolf license (SB314, at commission's discretion),
- increase the individual bag limit on wolves (SB314, at commission's discretion),
- allow for the snaring of wolves during the trapping season (HB224, shall be part of trapping),
- extend the wolf trapping season dates (HB 225, at commission's discretion)
- hunting wolves over bait (SB 314, at commissions' discretion), and
- hunting wolves at night (at commission's discretion).

While the current wolf season kept the population mostly static through 2019, the higher harvest in 2020 (328 vs. the 2012–2019 average of 242) is predicted to result in a decline to approximately 900 – 950 wolves. The iPOM (Patch Occupancy Model) estimate for 2020 is scheduled to be available for the August commission meeting. While not confirmed, the current season structure may meet the intent of SB 314 relative to population reduction. In this context, FWP has assembled a range of options incorporating legislative products (less to more aggressive) into the 2021 wolf season definition.

Proposal Options and Increased Harvest Potential

A spectrum of options has been assembled (Table 1) from less to more aggressive relative to harvest opportunity. Refer to the proposals in Table 1. The commission may keep these three options discrete or may mix pieces of the different options (or others not listed) in their development of an initial adoption for public comment. It is not known with certainty how much additional harvest will be generated with the new legislative inputs. Any final adoption would occur at the August commission meeting after public comment is considered. Unless specifically changed by commission adoption, season elements from the 2020 season are proposed and would remain unchanged.

Increase of Harvest Potential for Each Tool

Within these options, specific tools described below each represent relative different and unknown potential for increased harvest of wolves. These differences may variously contribute to the commission's interest to be less or more aggressive in their pursuit of a legislatively required wolf population reduction. While SB 314 speaks to a conditioned reduction of wolves, it does not speak to a specific timeline for that reduction to be achieved. While some participants in legislative hearings advocated rapid reduction of the wolf population to address concerns about game numbers (particularly in northwest/western MT where wolves are abundant, and some elk populations are below objective), others expressed concern that wolves could be dramatically and quickly reduced and advocated no increased harvest or a more measured approach to increased harvest. Regardless of the prediction above, that the estimated wolf population has been relatively static for several years suggests increased harvest will result in a population decrease. The commission has the authority to apply different seasons in different areas as some legislative inputs suggest.

Given only six persons filled the 5-wolf bag limit during the 2020 season, *increasing the bag limit* may not generate a significant addition to harvest. Increasing the bag limit while also allowing *a full bag limit on only one wolf hunting license* may add harvest as hunters potentially encounter and take advantage of opportunities to harvest more than one wolf at a time without needing more than one license. Most hunters purchase only one wolf hunting license. Currently trappers may trap up to 5 wolves on their one trapping license.

Acting alone, *season date expansion* likely represents some increased harvest, most likely at the same rate of harvest the current season structure provides. As expanded dates represent more trapping season, they consequently represent increased potential for non-target capture of federally listed grizzly bears, lynx, and other wild and domestic species. Any final season structure should substantively include elements

to reduce or eliminate unauthorized take of federally listed species like grizzly bears and lynx. In addition, non-target captures of grizzly bears represent real concerns for human safety.

Hunting over bait, by itself, is not anticipated to account for significant increased harvest. In combination with *night hunting*, harvest of wolves over bait might prove more effective relative to increased harvest.

The new tool most anticipated to increase harvest is *snares*. Snares are inexpensive and can be more easily placed in large numbers (compared to jawed foothold traps). Snares are also relatively easy to maintain in weather conditions that might confound other trap types. Snares also generate some of the most consistently expressed concerns relative to incidental captures of domestic dogs and other wildlife species including federally listed lynx and grizzly bears. Efforts to mitigate this concern include restrictions in time and space and equipment requirements that reduce the potential for capturing and holding non-target species.

Universal Components for Each Proposal

Whatever individual and cumulative tools the commission ultimately adopts, the department recommends the following components be included to reduce human safety concerns, reduce the potential for over-large harvest relative to wolf population objectives, and the potential for non-target captures of domestic and other wildlife species. Captures of federally listed species and species with CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species) oversight for international trade are particularly concerning in this regard.

Specific season components the department recommends for whatever season package the commission adopts are listed below.

- A harvest of 450 wolves (approximately 100 more harvested wolves than in 2020 season) shall initiate a commission quorum with potential for rapid in-season adjustments to hunting and trapping regulations. Afterwards the commission shall be similarly re-engaged at intervals of additional 50 wolves harvested, if season adjustments allow for additional wolf harvest.
- All non-target captures shall be reported to the department as currently required, to include captures from foothold traps and snares.
- A non-target capture of one lynx or grizzly bear shall initiate a commission quorum with potential for rapid in-season adjustments to trapping regulations. Afterwards the commission shall be similarly re-engaged for any additional non-target capture of lynx or grizzly bear.
- Expanded wolf trapping dates (including snares) be applied only in areas with low grizzly bear abundance and outside of Lynx Protection Zones (see description in furbearer regulation booklet). Areas with low grizzly bear abundance include Region 4 east of Interstate 15, Region 5 (outside Lynx Protection Zone), Region 6, and Region 7.
- Wolf snaring be allowed only on private land (with landowner permission) to minimize potential for conflicts with other users on public land.
- Wolf snares include required equipment and setting requirements to minimize the potential for snaring and holding non-target species. Specifically:
 - Snares must be equipped with a loop stop that will close to a loop no larger than 2.5 inches in diameter (stop placed at no less than 8 inches from end of loop).
 - Snares must have a breakaway device rated at 1,000 lbs. or less installed on the loop end,
 - Snares must be placed such that the bottom of the snare loop is at least 18 inches above the surface.

- If snares are allowed on public lands, power-assisted (e.g., spring-loaded) snare locks are prohibited on wolf snares on public lands .
- A relaxing snare lock is required on snares in lynx protection zones (LPZ's).
- Wolf and furbearer seasons continue to be set by the commission annually, to allow opportunity for season adjustments between consecutive seasons based upon review of harvest, population size, and conflicts.

Table 1. Proposed wolf season options ranging from Limited New Tools to Maximum New Tools.* The commission may treat these options discretely or mix and match tools across options or incorporate other tools/options. Unless specifically changed by commission adoption, season elements from the 2020 season are proposed and would remain unchanged.

Tool	Limited New Tools	Intermediate New Tools	Maximum New Tools
Hunting Licenses (SB 314)	1 required for each wolf	1 license/5 wolves	1 license to harvest
Bag limit (SB 314)	5	10 with not more than 5 from Regions 3-7	10
Trapping (HB 225)	Season dates Dec. 15–Feb. 28 statewide	Dec. 15– Feb. 28 in FWP Regions 1 - 3, Region 4 west of I-15, and Region 5 inside Lynx Protection Zone. Dec. 1– March 15 in FWP Region 4 east of I-15, Region 5 outside Lynx Protection Zone, and Regions 6 - 7.	Dec. 1–March 15 – Feb 28 inside Protection Zones.
Snaring (HB 224)	Snaring on private lands only consistent with the trapping season dates.	Snaring on private lands only consistent with the trapping season dates.	Snaring on private lands with the trapping season dates.
Night hunting (SB314)	None	Private lands except in WMUs 313/316	Private lands Statewide
Use of baits for hunting/trapping (SB 314)	None	Private lands except in WMUs 331/316	Statewide
Quota areas (SB314)	Retain quota areas and corresponding quotas with snaring, baiting, and night hunting	Eliminate quotas but maintain quota areas with snaring, restrict baiting and night hunting	Eliminate quotas but add baiting, snaring, and night hunting

*Specific season components the department recommends for whatever season package the commission

adopts are listed below.

- A harvest of 450 wolves (approximately 100 more harvested wolves than in 2020 season) shall initiate a commission quorum with potential for rapid in-season adjustments to hunting and trapping regulations. Afterwards the commission shall be similarly re-engaged at intervals of additional 50 wolves harvested, if season adjustments allow for additional wolf harvest.
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 - A relaxing snare lock is required on snares in lynx protection zones (LPZ's).
- Wolf and furbearer seasons continue to be set by the commission annually, to allow opportunity for season adjustments between consecutive seasons based upon review of harvest, population size, and conflicts.

Prior History of Wolf Seasons in Montana

Management of wolves and other large predator populations throughout the western U.S. can be generally described as one of three eras – elimination, recovery, and modern management. Montana may now liberalize wolf harvest because wolf populations are robust and sustainable.

The era of predator elimination primarily occurred during 1860–1960 and resulted in the extirpation of wolves from the western U.S. by about 1925. Although elimination efforts were suspended by 1960, recovery efforts did not initiate for another 20 years. The era of wolf recovery in Montana was relatively brief, occurring over about 20 years. Wolves began recolonizing from the north in the early 1980s and, bolstered by reintroductions in Yellowstone and Idaho in the mid-1990s, the official ESA recovery goal for

the Northern Rockies was met by the end of 2002. The recovery goal was defined as 30 breeding pairs in Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming for three successive years. At the end of 2002, there were 43 breeding pairs and at least 663 wolves in the tri-state area, 183 of which were in Montana (USFWS 2003). Although wolves were protected by the ESA during this recovery era, some lawful take did occur. Wolves were lethally removed when involved with livestock depredation. From 1998 to 2004, when minimum counts of wolves in Montana were 49–183 wolves, an average of 15% of the population was removed each year due to depredations. This level of removal still allowed wolf population growth (Fig. 1).

Meeting the federal recovery goal set the stage for removal of ESA protections and transitioning into the era of modern management. This began in 2003, and modern wolf management can be generally characterized as a post-recovery attempt to balance wolf numbers and conservation with goals for livestock depredation and wildlife populations that are affected by wolves. Montana's Wolf Conservation and Management Plan (Alternative 2 of the 2003 Final Environmental Impact Statement, MFWP 2003, Hagener 2004) purposefully did not specify a target number of wolves. Instead, the plan emphasized reaction to several socially important factors, including wolf effects on big game. The plan also established a threshold of 15 breeding pairs above which wolf regulations could become increasingly liberal to address social factors.

The first stage of modern wolf management, from 2003–2008, was a period of legal analyses about ESA status, continued federal protections under the ESA, and continued wolf population growth. During this time, no wolf hunting occurred, and Montana's wolf population increased 256% to at least 653 wolves (Fig. 1).

The second stage, from 2009–2011, was a period of initial sport harvest of wolves. This stage represented the first legal harvest of wolves with initial seasons being deliberately conservative. The first wolf season in Montana had a statewide quota of 75 wolves, a bag limit of 1 wolf per hunter, and a 9-week hunting season. Trapping wolves was not allowed. Hunters took 72 wolves during the first season. After a year of no harvest due to ESA litigation (2010), Montana's second wolf season had a statewide hunting quota of 220, and hunters took 166 wolves. Importantly, wolf populations (Fig. 1) and livestock depredations (Fig. 2) remained at high levels during this stage despite continued wolf removals due to depredation and the legal hunting seasons. Conservative wolf seasons as part of a new and highly scrutinized wolf hunt were not reducing wolf numbers and effects on livestock.

The third stage began in 2012 when a 10-week wolf trapping season was added, bag limits were increased from 1 to 5 wolves per person, and rifle hunting seasons were lengthened from 9 weeks to 24 weeks. Trapping season dates were established to reduce potential for incidental take of grizzly bears by setting dates around grizzly bear den entry and emergence dates when most grizzly bears were in dens hibernating (Fig. 3).

Despite increasing levels of harvest, these 2012–2020 regulations resulted in an estimated 8% initial decline, stabilizing at around 190 packs and 1,150 wolves (Fig. 1). This population level has remained relatively stable for almost a decade in Montana (Fig. 1). It is unknown whether this small decline and stabilization is due to liberalized wolf harvest, wolves having reached carrying capacity, or a combination of these two factors. The average number of wolves harvested by hunters and trappers over the 8-year period 2012–2019 was 242 per year, with 328 harvested in 2020.

This current proposal is in response to direction from 2021 Senate Bill 314 and is consistent with the 2004 Montana Wolf Conservation and Management Plan. It is intended to provide increased wolf hunter and trapper opportunity while meeting legislative intent. Details for assessing the effects of increasing levels of wolf harvest are provided below, and the Department believes wolf regulations can be variously adjusted without jeopardizing wolf conservation. Wolf densities and population trends vary by Region, and the Department will continue to monitor these indices.

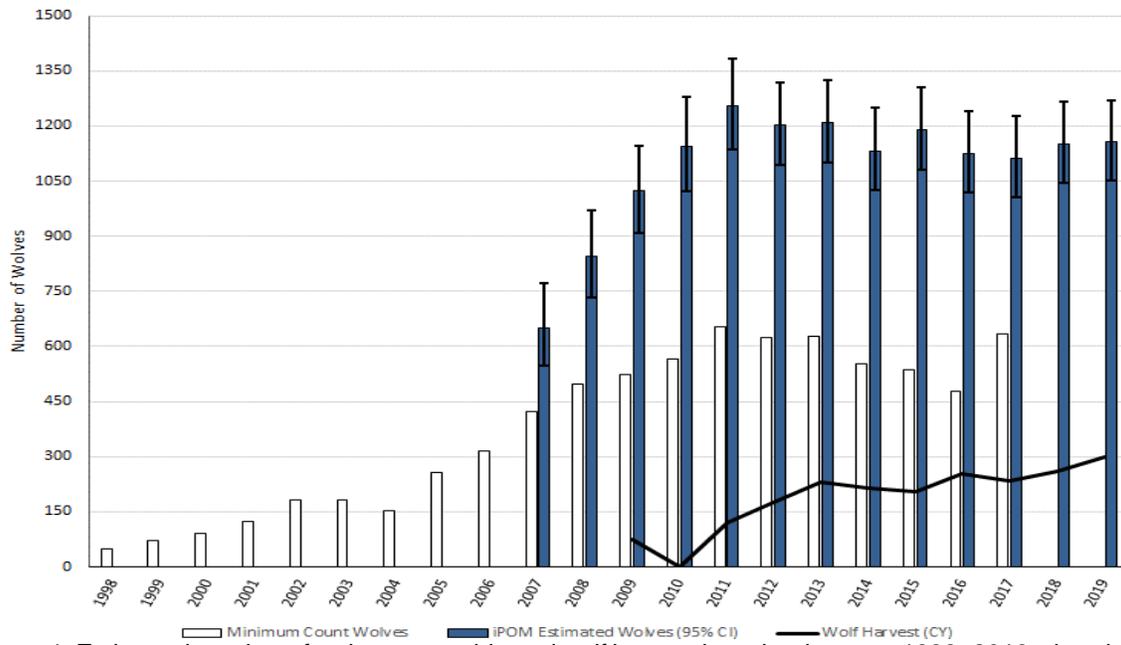


Figure 1. Estimated number of wolves statewide and wolf harvest by calendar year, 1998–2019 where bars indicate 95% credible intervals (Sells et al. 2020).

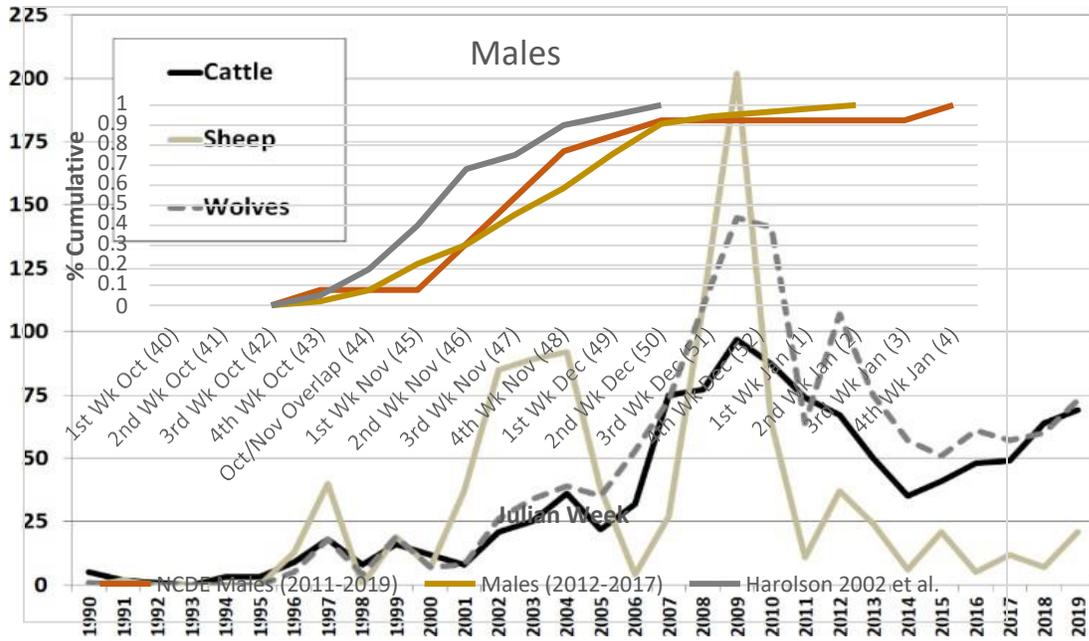
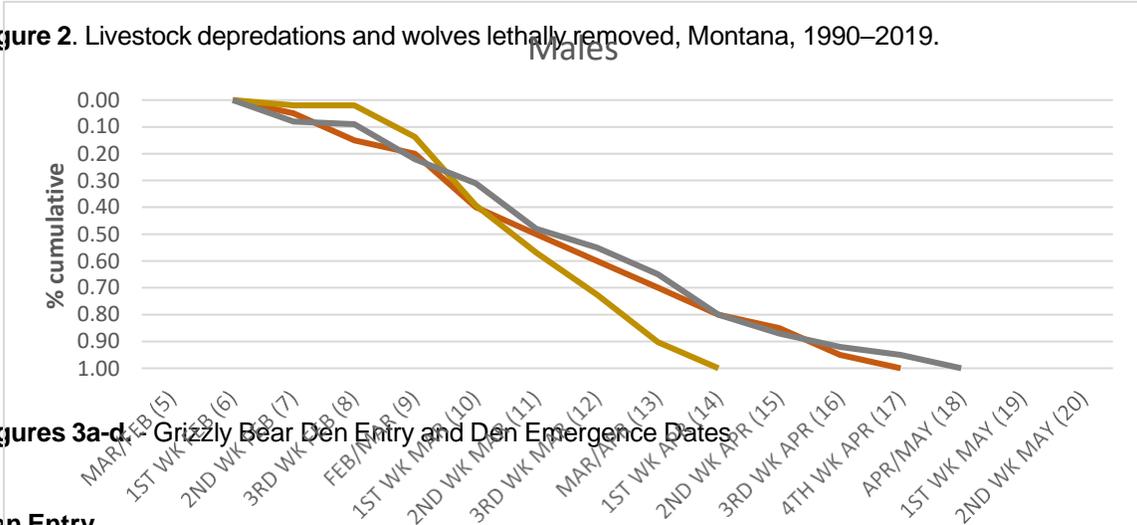


Figure 2. Livestock depredations and wolves lethally removed, Montana, 1990–2019.



Figures 3a-d. Grizzly Bear Den Entry and Den Emergence Dates

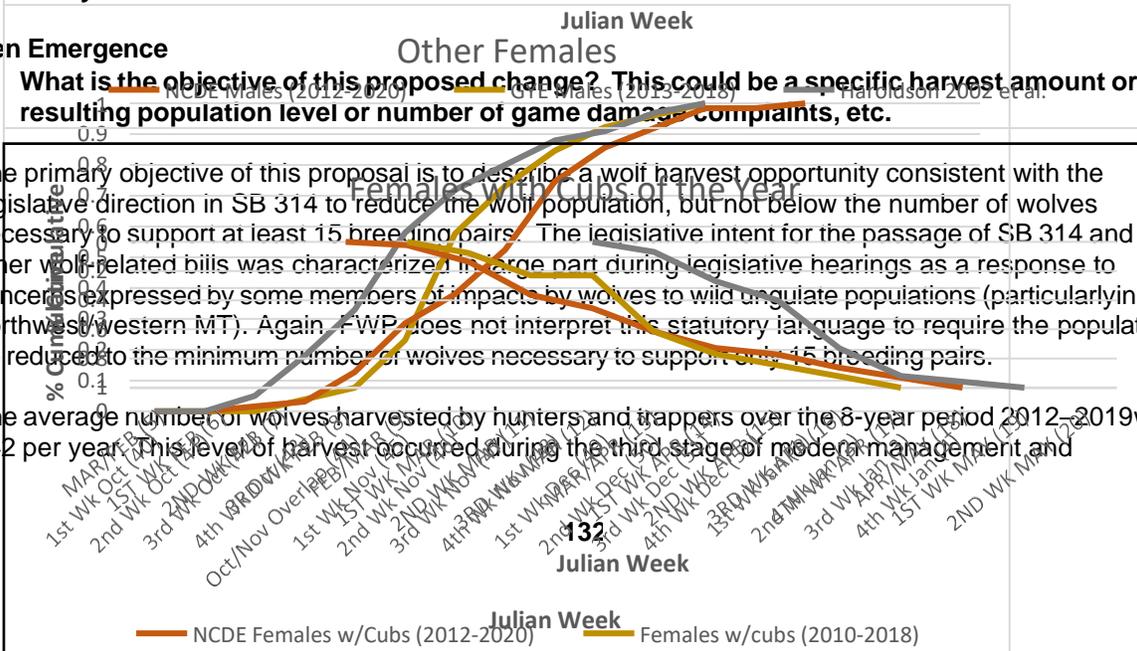
Den Entry

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2. What is the objective of this proposed change? This could be a specific harvest amount or resulting population level or number of game damage complaints, etc.

The primary objective of this proposal is to describe a wolf harvest opportunity consistent with the legislative direction in SB 314 to reduce the wolf population, but not below the number of wolves necessary to support at least 15 breeding pairs. The legislative intent for the passage of SB 314 and other wolf-related bills was characterized in large part during legislative hearings as a response to concerns expressed by some members of impacts by wolves to wild ungulate populations (particularly in northwest western MT). Again, FWP does not interpret the statutory language to require the population be reduced to the minimum number of wolves necessary to support only 15 breeding pairs.

The average number of wolves harvested by hunters and trappers over the 8-year period 2012–2019 was 242 per year. This level of harvest occurred during the third stage of modern management and



represents the period with the most liberal wolf regulations to date in Montana. This resulted in a stabilized statewide wolf population averaging 1,150 wolves using the improved patch occupancy modeling (iPOM) estimate. The 2020 iPOM estimate is not yet available but is expected to be completed by the August commission meeting when the 2021 wolf season will be finalized. 328 wolves were harvested in the 2020 wolf season. FWP populations predictions suggest this increased harvest could reduce the population to approximately 900 – 950.

3. How will the success of this proposal be measured? This could be annual game or harvest surveys, game damage complaints, etc.

The proposal will be considered successful if:

- The 2021 statewide wolf population estimated with iPOM (Sells et al. 2020) shows a population decrease but not less than the number of wolves necessary to support at least 15 breeding pairs.
- Any resulting decreased population reduces conflict concerns with other wildlife species and livestock.
- Any resulting decreased population is large enough to maintain adequate flexibility for conflict response and harvest opportunities.
- Non-target captures are effectively minimized with no negative consequences to human safety or state management of wildlife.

4. What is the current population's status in relation to the management objectives? (i.e., state management objectives from management plan if applicable; provide current and prior years of population survey, harvest, or other pertinent information).

Wolf Population Objective

Montana has committed through its Wolf Management Plan to maintain at least 150 wolves and 15 breeding pairs. Additionally, in the 2009 delisting rule (USFWS 2009), the United States Fish and Wildlife Service states, "To ensure that the NRM wolf population always exceeds the recovery goal of 30 breeding pairs and 300 wolves, wolves in each state [MT, WY, ID] shall be managed for at least 15 breeding pairs and at least 150 wolves in mid-winter." The 2009 delisting rule also states, "Three scenarios could lead us to initiate a status review and analysis of threats to determine if relisting is warranted including: (1) If the wolf population for any one State falls below the minimum NRM wolf population recovery level of 10 breeding pairs of wolves and 100 wolves in either Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming at the end of the year; (2) if the portion of the wolf population in Montana, Idaho, or Wyoming falls below 15 breeding pairs or 150 wolves at the end of the year in any one of those States for 3 consecutive years; or (3) if a change in State law or management objectives would significantly increase the threat to the wolf population.

Montana's 2004 Wolf Conservation and Management Plan does not specify a wolf population objective in terms of numbers of wolves. Instead, the plan indicates that wolf population influences on important human social considerations such as livestock conflicts and effects on deer and elk herds will drive management actions. The plan states that a threshold of 15 breeding pairs will be used to trigger increasingly conservative liberal management strategies:

"The wolf program will be based on principles of adaptive management. Management strategies and conflict resolution tools will be more conservative as the number of breeding pairs decreases, approaching the legal minimum. In contrast, management strategies become more liberal as the number of breeding pairs increases. Ultimately, the status of the wolf population itself identifies the appropriate management strategies. A minimum of 15 breeding pairs, according to the federal recovery definition (an adult male and an adult female with at least two pups on December 31) will be used as a signal to transition to more liberal or conservative management tools, whichever the case may be. This adaptive management trigger is not intended to be a minimum or maximum number of wolves "allowed" in Montana. FWP does not administratively declare an upper limit or maximum number of individuals of

any wildlife species in the state in the sense of a “cap.” Instead, FWP identifies population objectives that are based on landowner tolerance, habitat conditions, social factors, and biological considerations. Wildlife populations are then managed according to the objectives and current population status, using an array of management tools.”

Additionally, the objectives below have been consistently applied in previous wolf season proposals and are applicable in this 2021 proposal as well.

- 1. Maintain a viable and connected wolf population in Montana.*
- 2. Gain and maintain authority for State of Montana to manage wolves.*
- 3. Maintain positive and effective working relationships with stakeholders.*
 - 4a. Reduce wolf impacts on livestock.*
 - 4b. Reduce wolf impacts on big game populations.*
 - 4c. Maintain sustainable hunter opportunity for wolves.*
 - 4d. Maintain sustainable hunter opportunity for ungulates.*
- 5. Increase broad public acceptance of sustainable harvest and hunter opportunity as part of wolf conservation.*
- 6. Enhance open and effective communication to better inform decisions*
- 7. Learn and improve as we go.*

Wolf Status in Relation to Objective

Montana has been above the threshold of 15 breeding pairs since 2005, and wolf numbers have been 6–8 times that threshold from 2009 to present (Sells et al. 2020; Fig. 1). The wolf population peaked during 2011 at an estimated 187 packs and 1,254 wolves. Harvest of wolves from 2011-2014 coincided with an 8% decline in wolf numbers, but for the last seven years, since 2014, the wolf population has remained relatively stable at about 190 packs and 1,150 wolves (Fig. 1).

Wolf numbers and trends vary by FWP Region (Fig. 5). Region 1 holds about 45% of the state’s wolf population and the trend appears to have stabilized at near peak levels of 80 packs and 500 wolves. Region 2 holds about 25% of the population and has declined slightly to stabilize at around 50 packs and 300 wolves. Similarly, Region 3, which holds about 20% of the population, has declined slightly over time and stabilized at around 35 packs and 215 wolves.

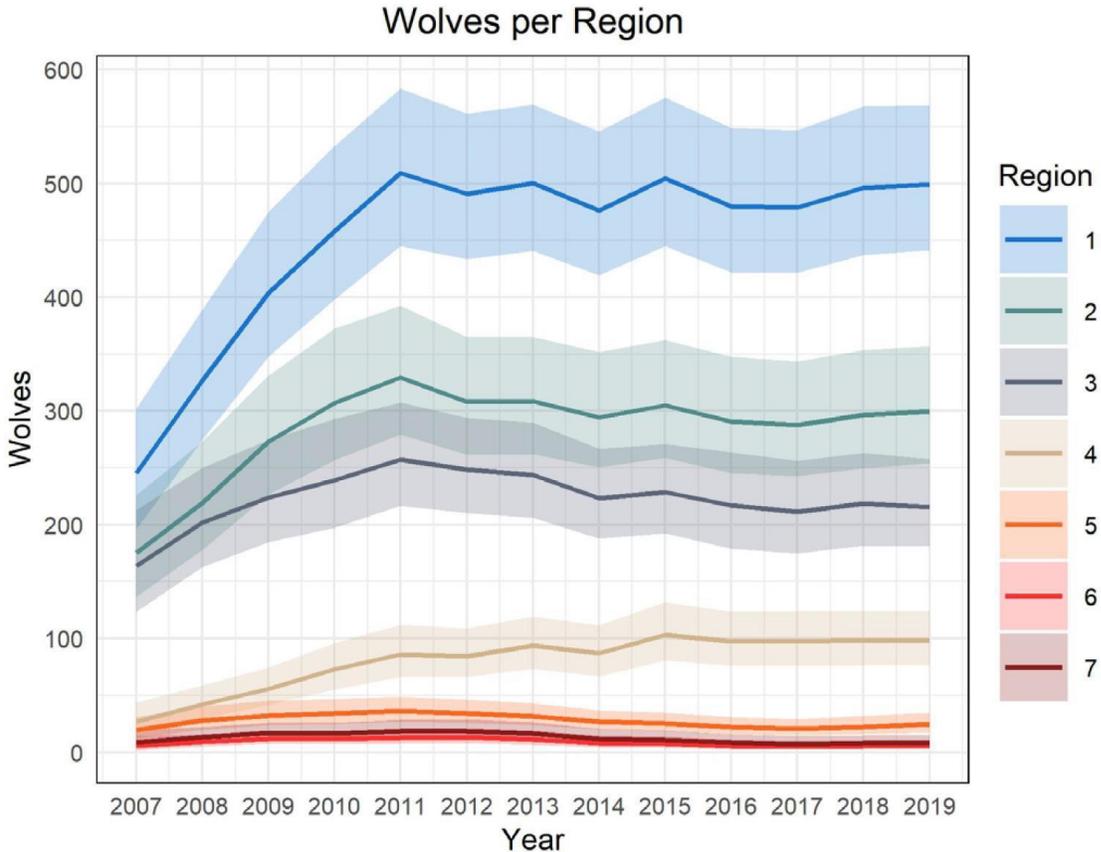


Figure 5. iPOM estimated number of wolves by FWP Region, 2007–2019. Ribbons indicate 95% credible intervals. Taken from Sells et al. (2020).

5. Provide information related to any weather/habitat factors, public or private land use or resident and nonresident hunting opportunity that have relevance to this change (i.e., habitat security, hunter access, vegetation surveys, weather index, snow conditions, and temperature / precipitation information).

Extensions of season dates increases the potential to capture grizzly bears. Season date changes should carefully consider the potential for public safety issues and potential impacts to ESA grizzly bear incidental take permits relative to trapping.

Weather conditions affect wolf trapping success, but snares are less susceptible to malfunction during severe winter conditions. As another trapping device, the use of snares has potential to increase non-target captures of other wild and domestic species, including federally listed grizzly bears and lynx.

6. Briefly describe the contacts you have made with individual sportsmen or landowners, public groups or organizations regarding this proposal and indicate their comments (both pro and con).

Montana’s wolf management goals were described in the 2003 Wolf Conservation and Management Plan (MFWP 2003, Hagener 2004). This plan initiated as a 2002 draft plan based on the work of Governor Raticot’s Montana Wolf Management Advisory Council. The Council was composed of 12 volunteers from around the state who represented a variety of interests including tribal, agriculture, hunting, and wildlife conservation. The Council was asked to advise MFWP as it prepared to assume wolf management responsibilities and to consider input from Montana citizens and other interested parties. The Council’s draft plan was subsequently adapted into a draft and then a final environmental impact statement (EIS) with five alternatives (MFWP 2003). Alternative two was selected but was soon

amended to a selection of alternative five (Hagener 2004) until wolves were federally delisted (alternative five was the same as alternative two except for those actions that could not be undertaken while wolves were still federally listed). This 4-year long process initiated with a governor's council representing a broad spectrum of stakeholders and included an EIS process that held 14 community work sessions around Montana and accounted for an additional 5,500 comments on the draft EIS.

During its 2021 session, the Montana's State Legislature passed several wolf-oriented bills intended to allow more opportunity for take of wolves and to reduce the overall population size.

Many ungulate hunters and most trappers are likely to support the increased opportunity to take wolves with new techniques and tools.

Individual experienced trappers have expressed concerns over allowing the snaring of wolves by people who have not been trained to avoid non-target animals. They have stated opposition to allowing use of snares on public lands prior to establishing a class to certify people to use snares. However, FWP lacks the authority to mandate a specific snare education class. FWP will incorporate responsible snare use into trapper education classes, but the Department cannot require this of trappers who do not meet the requirements for having to take trapper education beginning in 2022, established in SB 50 (2021).

Given prior experiences related to wolf seasons, FWP anticipates a significant amount of opposition to the liberalization of wolf regulations from within Montana and far beyond. The elimination of quota areas around the national parks will also be strongly opposed by wolf advocates.

Concerns about non-target captures of dogs and other wildlife in snares will also be a significant issue.

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The intent of HB224, HB225 and SB314 is to reduce the wolf population in western Montana (regions 1, 2 & 3) where 90% of the wolves occur.

Thank you for your considerations and please feel free to contact me if you wish.

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